



2026 UEC Mountain Bike Youth European Championships XCC – XCR – XCO

Cheile Grădiștei (Romania)

22 – 26 July 2026

TECHNICAL GUIDE

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1. ORGANISATION

1.1. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

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1.2. UEC REPRESENTATIVES

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1.3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSAIRES PANEL

Panel of the commissaires

President of the Commissaires Panel (UEC)	Diego TOSTI (ITA)
Commissaire (UEC)	Vittorio OLDANI (ITA)
Commissaire (UEC)	Giulia LAGHI (ITA)
Race Secretary (UEC)	Elisa MARRAS (ITA)
National Commissaire (FRC)	tbc
Nationale Commissaire (FRC)	tbc
Speakers	Maximilian Munteanu / Alex Grecu
Timing / live timing	Evodata

1.4. Social Media

Follow the event on the following platforms:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/federatiadeciclism> - <https://www.facebook.com/UEC.Cycling>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/federatiaromanadeciclism> - https://www.instagram.com/uec_cycling

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@fr.ciclism>

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Venue location

Gradistei Resort Fundata, 507070 Fundata, Județul Brașov – (GPS: 45.450574, 25.298856)

Travel and accommodation expenses to and from Cheile Grădiștei must be covered by registered teams.

Airports

Nearest airports: Brasov (GHV): 45 km, aprox. 1h
Sibiu (SBZ): 170 km, apox. 3h
Bucharest (OTP): 191 km, between 3h30min. and 5h (depending on the traffic)

Trains

Closest train station – Brașov, at 45km. There is a fast train from Bucharest Airport
<https://www.cfrcalatori.ro/>

Official travel contact cheilegradistei@gmail.com

Teams' area reservation

In order to reserve a team area, please use the official team area booking form you can find [HERE](#).

VISAS

Visa obligations must be respected.

Each team is responsible for obtaining documents for their delegation appropriate entries.

For further information, please visit the embassy website: <https://www.mae.ro/en/node/2035>

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

All riders and attendants must hold insurance valid in Romania.

2.2. OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE COMPETITION VENUE

Cheile Grădiștei Resort Fundata

507070 Fundata

<https://cheilegradistei.ro/>

GPS: 45.450574, 25.298856

2.3. VENUE LAYOUT – COURSES MAPS

The venue layout and the maps of the courses can be found in the appendices, at the end of the technical guide.

2.4. ACCOMMODATION

UEC Official hotel

Hotel Bucegi

Cheile Gradistei

<https://cheilegradistei.ro/cazare-fundata-hotel-bucegi>

For any booking in the hotels, please contact: <https://cheilegradistei.ro>

2.5. CAMPER AREA & CAR PARKING

Camper Area

Information and booking on website

<https://forms.gle/3ROBccir5EmM5VtD9>

For questions, email

euroyouth@federatiadeciclism.ro

Pre-booking is mandatory. Without booking is not possible to enter camper area.

It will be possible to enter the camper area on 17 July (10:00).

Each camper booking will be entitled to a space of 9 x 7 meters (motorhome/caravan and car)
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Car Parking

Information and pre-booking on website

www.federatiadeciclism.ro/euroyouth

For questions, email

euroyouth@federatiadeciclism.ro

We recommend pre-book car parking in advance at a reduced rate.

Gradistei Resort Fundata, 507070 Fundata, Județul Brașov

Parking 1 – short term – for registration and access to the race course. GPS: 45.450711, 25.299170

Parking 2 – long term – Team area. Access to this area will be restricted to specific hours.

3. TEAM SERVICES

3.1. ACCREDITATION

Teams/Officials Accreditation

Team Accreditations can be collected from **Tuesday, 21 July 2026**
from 09:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the accreditation centre, during the opening hours:

Cheile Grădiștei Resort Fundata
GPS: 45.453676, 25.299157

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.

The passes for the tech zone will be distributed at the end of the Team Managers' meeting.

Permanence - Race Office

Race office it is located near the start/finish area:
Cheile Grădiștei Resort Fundata
GPS: 45.450662, 25.298545

Info point – located near the accreditation centre.

GPS: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/c9Weg4k5THeiQB7G7>
For general query, accommodation, car parking, lost property, etc.

Opening hours: (may be adapted according to the competition schedule)

Tuesday, 21 July	08:30 – 18:00
Wednesday, 22 July	08:30 – 18:00
Thursday, 23 July	08:30 – 18:00
Friday, 24 July	08:30 – 18:00
Saturday, 25 July	08:30 – 18:00
Sunday, 26 July	08:30 – 18:00

3.2. TEAMS PARKING AREAS

Parking 1 – short term – for registration and access to the race course. GPS: 45.450711, 25.299170
Parking 2 – long term – Team area. Access to this area will be restricted to specific hours.

Passes for both parking areas can be picked up from the accreditation centre.

4. OFFICIAL MEETINGS

4.1. COMMISSAIRES PANEL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 21 July
Time: 08:00
Location: Commissaires meeting room – at the Race office

4.2. CONFIRMATION / LICENSE CHECK

The license check, the confirmation of riders, the distribution of race numbers and transponders will be organised on

Date : Tuesday, 21 July
Time : 09:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00
Location: Cheile Grădiștei Resort Fundata - GPS: 45.453676, 25.299157

Team managers must confirm all starters, presenting all licenses (with passport for the Juniors category) and provide a sample of teams' apparel.

4.3. TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

For all races and age category:

Date: Tuesday, 21 July
Time: 18:00
Location: Conference room under the restaurant
GPS: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bCdAGufVc2RMSYJz9>

Attendance is required by:

- UEC representative
- Representative of the organising committee
- UCI and National Commissaires
- 1 Team Managers per teams or mixed teams
- Event Director
- UEC Technical Delegate
- UEC Sports Coordinator

5. MEDIA

5.1. MEDIA CENTRE

The Media Centre during the MTB events is located in the conference room below the restaurant.

GPS: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bCdAGuFvc2RMSYJz9>

To access the Press Area accreditation is necessary.

To apply for media accreditation, please visit the UEC website <https://www.uec.ch/en/media>
Media accreditation and photographer's bibs can be collected during the opening hours of the Accreditation Centre.

Please ensure that you collect your accreditation as soon as you arrive onsite 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 further inquire please contact Mr. Stefano Bertolotti, UEC Press Officer s.bertolotti@uec.ch or Andrea Dima, Romanian Cycling Federation Press Officer andreea.dima@federatiadeciclism.ro

Parking for media is available at the MTB venue, parking 1 – short term.

GPS: 45.450711, 25.299170

Opening hours:

Wednesday, 22 July	09:00 – 18:00
Thursday, 23 July	09:00 – 18:00
Friday, 24 July	09:00 – 18:00
Saturday, 25 July	09:00 – 18:00
Sunday, 26 July	09:00 – 18:00

5.2. FLASH INTERVIEW ZONE

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

6. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

**Subject to changes according to registration*

Day	When	What	Where
Tuesday, 21 July	08:00 - 12:00	Track closed - UEC Inspection	
	08:00	Commissaires meeting	
	09:00 – 13:00 15:00 – 18:00	Riders Confirmation / Licence Check / Distribution of Race Numbers	RACE OFFICE
	14:30 – 15:30	Official training – all	XCR/XCO COURSE
	15:30 – 16:30	Official training - U15	XCR/XCO COURSE
	16:30 – 17:30	Official training - U17	XCR/XCO COURSE
	17:30 – 18:30	Official training – all	XCR/XCO COURSE
	18:00	Team Managers Meeting	

Day	When	What	Where
Wednesday, 22 July Time Trial (TT)	08:00 - 09:00	Official training – all	TT Course
	09:30	Women and Men 13-14 Time Trial (TT)	TT Course
	14:00	Women and Men 15-16 Time Trial (TT)	TT Course
	14:00	<i>Collection of number bibs XCR U15</i>	RACE OFFICE
	16:00 18:00	<i>Final confirmation - starting order - for Team Relay (XCR) U15 & U17</i>	RACE OFFICE

Day	When	What	Where
Thursday, 23 July Team Relay (XCR)	09:00 - 11:00	<i>Collection of number bibs XCR U17</i>	RACE OFFICE
	09:00 -10:30	Official training XCR	XCR/XCO COURSE
	11:00	Team Relay (XCR) U15, Final	XCR/XCO COURSE
		<i>Team Relay U15 Awards Ceremony (XCR)</i>	
	13:00	Team Relay (XCR) U17, Final	XCR/XCO COURSE
		<i>Team Relay U17 Awards Ceremony (XCR)</i>	
	14:00 – 16:00	<i>Collection of number bibs XCC U15 & U17</i>	RACE OFFICE

Day	When	What	Where
Friday, 24 July Short Track (XCC)	09:00 - 12:00	<i>Collection of number bibs XCO U15</i>	RACE OFFICE
	09:00 – 10:30	Official training XCR All Categories	XCC COURSE
	11:00	Women XCC U15 Final	XCC COURSE
		<i>Women U15 Awards Ceremony (XCC)</i>	
	12:30	Men XCC U15 Final	XCC COURSE
	16:30 – 17:30	<i>Men U15 Awards Ceremony (XCC)</i>	
	13:00 – 16:00	<i>Collection of number bibs XCO U17</i>	RACE OFFICE
	14:00	Women XCC U17 Final	XCC COURSE
		<i>Women U17 Awards Ceremony (XCC)</i>	
	15:30	Men XCC U17 Final	XCC COURSE
	<i>Men U17 Awards Ceremony (XCC)</i>		

Day	When	What	Where
Saturday, 25 July Cross Country (XCO)	09:00 - 11:30	<i>Collection of number bibs XCO U15 & U17</i>	RACE OFFICE
	08:30 – 09:30	Official training XCO	XCO COURSE
	10:00	Women 13 Cross Country, XCO, Final	XCO COURSE
		<i>Women U13 Awards Ceremony (XCO)</i>	
	12:00	Men 13 Cross Country, XCO, Final	XCO COURSE
		<i>Men U13 Awards Ceremony (XCO)</i>	
	14:00	Women 14 Cross Country, XCO, Final	XCO COURSE
		<i>Women U14 Awards Ceremony (XCO)</i>	
	15:30	Men 14 Cross Country, XCO, Final	XCO COURSE
		<i>Men U14 Awards Ceremony (XCO)</i>	

Day	When	What	Where
Sunday, 26 July Cross Country (XCO)	08:30 – 09:30	Official training XCO	XCO COURSE
	10:00	Women 15 Cross Country, XCO, Final	XCO COURSE
		<i>Women U15 Awards Ceremony (XCO)</i>	
	12:00	Men 15 Cross Country, XCO, Final	XCO COURSE
		<i>Men U15 Awards Ceremony (XCO)</i>	
	14:00	Women 16 Cross Country, XCO, Final	XCO COURSE
		<i>Women U16 Awards Ceremony (XCO)</i>	
	15:30	Men 16 Cross Country, XCO, Final	XCO COURSE
		<i>Men U16 Awards Ceremony (XCO)</i>	

7. EVENT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL RULES

1.1 The 2026 UEC MTB Youth European Championships are organized by the Union Européenne de Cyclisme (UEC) and the local organizing committee.

1.2 The event will be organized in accordance with 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 2026 UEC MTB Youth European Championships consist of the following races:

- **Individual Time Trial (ITT)**
(in order to decide the starting order of XCR, XCC and XCO, no European title will be awarded)
- **Team Relay (XCR)**
- **Short Track (XCC)**
- **Cross Country Olympic format (XCO)**

These Championships may be contested by riders entered by their Team Manager as a National Teams and/or Club Teams or Mixed Teams.

NOTE:

Individual riders, entered by their Team Manager, may participate in the Individual Time Trial and they can qualify for the XCC. The Individual riders may therefore run for the XCC European Champion title.

1.4 Participation shall be reserved exclusively to riders holding 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.

ARTICLE 2. TYPE OF THE EVENT

2.1 The event is open to athletes of the 13-14 (U15) and 15-16 (U17) age categories.

2.2 Age categories for which the title of the European Champion will be awarded are the following:

- XCR Team 13-14 (U15)
- XCR Team 15-16 (U17)
- XCC Men 13-14 (U15 men)
- XCC Women 13-14 (U15 women)
- XCC Men 15-16 (U17 men)
- XCC Women 15-16 (U17 women)
- XCO Men 13
- XCO Women 13
- XCO Men 14
- XCO Women 14
- XCO Men 15
- XCO Women 15
- XCO Men 16
- XCO Women 16

ARTICLE 3. REGISTRATION / PARTICIPATION

Teams/riders should register using the following link: <https://uec.evodata.it/landing/index.php> or <https://join.endu.net/entry?edition=101542>

Procedure:

1. authenticate your profile by clicking the link in the authentication email you 'll receive
fill the online form (participants may do this on behalf of their teammates)
2. choose one of the following methods of payment:
 - a) e-banking (follow the on-line procedure)
 - b) credit card (follow the on-line procedure)

If you've indicated you're paying with a bank transfer, you'll receive an email confirmation with the amount you'll need to pay along with a unique reference code that you'll need to add to the reference field when you set up the transfer.

If paying with credit card, you'll receive an email confirmation once the payment has been successfully completed.

Teams registration

Teams registration opens on

Monday, 2 March 2026 (23:59 CET)

Deadline for the Team registration:

Friday, 17 July 2026 (23:59 CET)

The registration fee **for Teams is € 215** for all categories.

NB: the 3 riders need to be registered at the same time.

XCO Individual registration

Teams registration opens on

Monday, 2 March 2026 (23:59 CET)

Deadline for the Team registration:

Friday, 17 July 2026 (23:59 CET)

The registration fee for **Individual XCO riders** is **€ 80**

Those riders will start at the end of the start grid (following all teams) according to their qualification times in the ITT or by random if they did not participate in the ITT.

The Individual riders may run for the XCC European Champion title.

We, therefore, strongly recommend the creation of mixed teams.

If you are a single rider and wish to create a team, you will be able to find partners on the following link:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/GDsZSV7AJ02CFcIhMyLAzI?mode=gi_t

Registration issues / amendments

UCI ID not recognised:

1. Try to register in this order: MIDDLE NAME, FIRST NAME, SURNAME.
If you still encounter problem, please contact uec@evodata.it

Amend registration from Individual riders to TEAM

If you are registered as Individual and want to create a TEAM with riders not registered yet:

2. Provide the name of the Individual rider(s) to be cancelled to uec@evodata.it

A voucher code will be sent to you so that you can register directly the 3 riders as a TEAM.

NB: we do not reimburse the registration fee but give you a voucher so that your registration fee can be transferred into the TEAM registration fee

If all 3 riders are registered as Individual:

3. Provide the name of the Individual riders to be cancelled to uec@evodata.it
A voucher code will be sent to you so that you can register directly the 3 riders as a TEAM.

NB: we do not reimburse the registration fee but give you a voucher so that your registration fee can be transferred into the TEAM registration fee

3.1 Composition of the teams

13-14 and 15-16 teams are composed by **3 riders:**

- **1 woman and 2 men**
- **or 2 women and 1 man**
- **or 3 women**

3.2 Individual Time Trial

All riders have to take part in this event.

The starting order of XCR, XCC and XCO will be composed according to the results of the Individual Time Trial **(no European Title will be given)**.

For the starting order of XCR the classification of the team will be done by summing the times of the 3 riders.

For the:

3.3 Team Relay (XCR)

Start grid based on the Individual Time Trial results (see 3.2)

The Team Relay is a mass start event. Any athlete who deliberately delays the start without a valid reason such as a mechanical issue or a crash will receive a penalty of 1 (one) minute added to their recorded time. (text modified on 01.01.26)

3.4 Short Track (XCC)

The composition of the heats will be based on the Single Time Trial results (see 3.3).

The best 45 based on the Individual Time Trial Results.

Category	Race Time
U15 Men	10 min (TBC)
U15 Women	10 min (TBC)
U17 Men	15 min (TBC)
U17 Women	15 min (TBC)

(text modified on 01.01.26)

NB: If a rider qualified in the XCC event is not starting, he will not be allowed to start the XCO event unless the rider has been declared incapable of taking the start of the XCC event by the organiser's chief medical officer or the team doctor.

3.5 Cross Country (XCO)

Start grid for XCO will be based in the following criteria:

- A. Riders of teams, based on the best time given by the sum of ITT and personal lap in XCR.
- B. Riders of teams with only the time recorded in the ITT.
- C. Team riders with only the time recorded in the personal lap in XCR
- D. Riders of teams who have not been able to register any time either in the ITT or in the personal lap in XCR.
- E. Individual riders based on the time recorded in the ITT
- F. Individual riders without any time recorded (in random)

3.6 The age of a rider shall be determined by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth of the rider.

ARTICLE 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The following UCI Regulations will be applicable:

UCI Rules

4.2.036

Each feed/technical assistance zone must be located on flat or uphill sections which are slow and wide enough for the purpose. The zones must be long enough and reasonably evenly spaced around the course. Double feed/technical assistance zones are recommended.

For cross-country short track (XCC) events, a feed/technical assistance zone is not allowed.

For Olympic format cross-country events (XCO) at least 1 single feed/technical assistance zone shall be set up. For marathon format cross-country events (XCM) at least 3 feed/technical assistance zones shall be set up. Organisers must anticipate on the team staff access possibilities during cross-country marathon events.

For the cross-country team relay event during the UCI World Championships and, if applicable, during the Continental Championships, a feed/technical assistance zone can be set up for technical support only, at the discretion of the president of the commissaires' panel. For the sake of clarity, feeding from the feed/technical zone is not permitted for the cross-country team relay events.

4.2.042

Spraying with Water

The spraying of water on riders or bicycles by the feeders or mechanics is forbidden. High pressure washers are forbidden in the feed/technical assistance zone.

4.2.044

No rider may turn back on the course to reach a feed/technical assistance zone. Any rider doing so is disqualified. Only within the feed/technical assistance zone itself, a rider may turn back without obstructing other riders.

4.2.045

Technical assistance during a race is permitted subject to the conditions below.

4.2.046

Authorised technical assistance during a race consists of repairs to or the replacement of any part of the bicycle other than the frame.

Bike changes are not permitted and the rider must cross the finishing line with the same handlebar number plate that he/she had at the start.

4.2.047

Technical assistance can only be given in the feed/technical assistance zones.

4.2.048

Spare equipment and tools for repairs must be kept in these zones. Repairs and equipment changes can be carried out by the rider himself or with the help of a teammate, team mechanic or neutral technical assistance.

4.2.049

In addition to technical assistance in feed zones, technical assistance is permitted outside these zones only between riders who are members of the same registered team.

Riders may carry tools and spare parts provided that these do not involve any danger to the rider himself or the other competitors.

ARTICLE 5. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE / FEEDING ZONES

In XCO races, 2 single technical assistance / feeding zones will be organized.
The location of the technical assistance / feeding zones is shown in appendix.

For the cross-country team relay event during the world championships and, if applicable, during the continental championships, a feed/technical assistance zone can be set up for technical support only, at the discretion of the president of the commissaires' panel. For the sake of clarity, feeding from the feed/technical zone is not permitted for the cross-country team relay events.

Technical assistance / Feed zone passes will be distributed after the Team Managers meeting.

ARTICLE 6. AWARDS CEREMONIES

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 at official ceremonies wearing their competition clothing.
Riders must present themselves at the podium in a maximum of 10 minutes after crossing the finish line.

ARTICLE 7. 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

ARTICLE 8. PENALTIES

The UCI penalty scale is the only one applicable.

ARTICLE 9. RESPONSIBILITIES

The 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 organizers, the Commissaires Panel and UEC officials

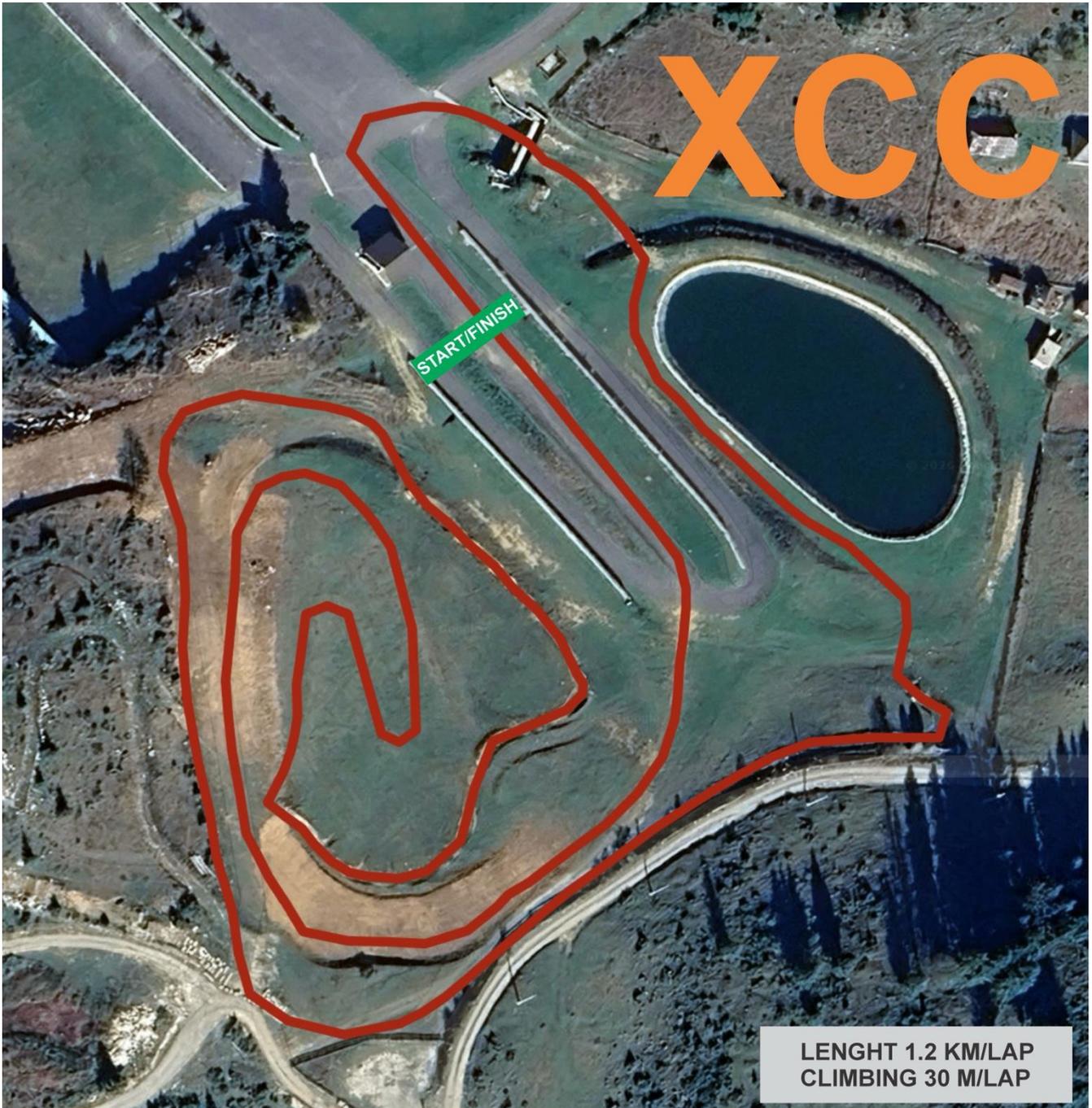
8. APPENDICES

8.1. COURSES MAPS

➤ XCO/XCR - 3.5 KM



➤ **XCC – 1,2 KM**



➤ **XCT – 1,2 KM**

