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A photograph of three cyclists in action during a cyclo-cross race. The cyclist in the center is wearing an orange jersey and is carrying his bike over his shoulder. The cyclist on the left is wearing a light blue jersey and is riding his bike. The cyclist on the right is wearing an orange jersey and is also riding his bike. The background shows a windmill and trees under a blue sky. There is a colorful, pixelated trail behind the cyclists.

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This document summarizes the information needed by the National Federations concerning the participation of their riders at the 2026 Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships,

Mainly intended for National Federations and Team Managers, this document focuses on the purely sporting aspects of the 2026 Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships. You will find in the text **in red the information that is identified as a major change compared to previous years or an update of that version.**

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1-SCHEDULE

Local time = CET

Thursday 29.01.2026	09h00 - 11h00	UCI course inspection
	14h00 - 16h00	Official training
Friday 30.01.2026	09h00 - 11h30	Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships, riders confirmation
	11h00 - 13h00	Official training
	13h35	Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships Team Relay, 6 laps
	14h45 - 16h00	Official training
	17h00 - 17h30	Team Managers meeting
Saturday 31.01.2026	09h00 - 10h45	Official training
	11h05	Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships Women Junior, 40 minutes
	11h45 - 12h45	Official training
	13h10	Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships Men Under 23, 50 minutes
	14h00 - 14h45	Official training
	15h10	Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships Women Elite, 50 minutes
	16h45 - 17h30	Social Cyclo-cross ride "Hard at Heart"
Sunday 01.02.2026	09h00 - 10h45	Official training
	11h05	Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships Men Junior, 40 minutes
	11h45 - 12h45	Official training
	13h10	Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships Women Under 23, 45 minutes
	14h00 - 14h45	Official training
	15h10	Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships Men Elite, 60 minutes

Each race of the Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships will be :

- broadcast live on TV, **including** the Team Relay,
- immediately followed by the corresponding awards ceremony and several media operations.

2-IMPORTANT DATES

Concern National Teams, time CET.

WHEN	WHAT
AT THE EARLIEST Monday 08 December 2025, 12h00	Accreditation system opens uci.getyourevent.online
AT THE EARLIEST Thursday 15 January 2026, 12h00	Riders' registration opens UCI DataRide
AT THE LATEST Thursday 15 January 2026, 12h00	Nations' participation intention to the Cyclo-cross Team Relay
AT THE LATEST Thursday 15 January 2026, 12h00	Parkings needs to be communicated with that form
AT THE LATEST Wednesday 21 January 2026, 12h00	Accreditation system closes uci.getyourevent.online
AT THE LATEST Friday 23 January 2026, 12h00	Riders' registration closes UCI DataRide
AT THE LATEST Friday 23 January 2026, 12h00	Riders' registration to the Cyclo-cross Team Relay
AT THE EARLIEST Thursday 29 January 2026, 09h00	Accreditation centre opens
AT THE LATEST Thursday 29 January 2026, 16h30	Team Relay 'confirmation, final start list and start order
Friday 30 January 2026, 09h00	Riders' confirmation
Friday 30 January 2026, 17h00	Team Managers meeting

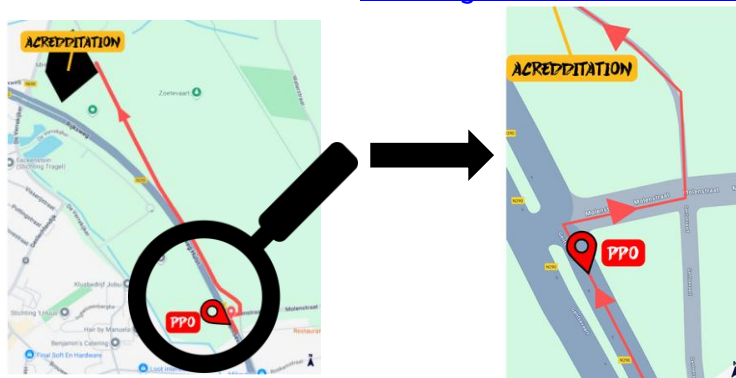
3- ACCESS

Location

[Glacisweg, Hulst, The Netherlands](#)

PPO

- to the Accreditation centre : [Rondweg Hulst N290 / Molenstraat](#)



- to the parkings and headquarter: Rondweg Hulst, N290

By plane

Brussels Zaventem airport 76km

By train

Sint Niklaas train station 22km

Antwerpen Central 38km

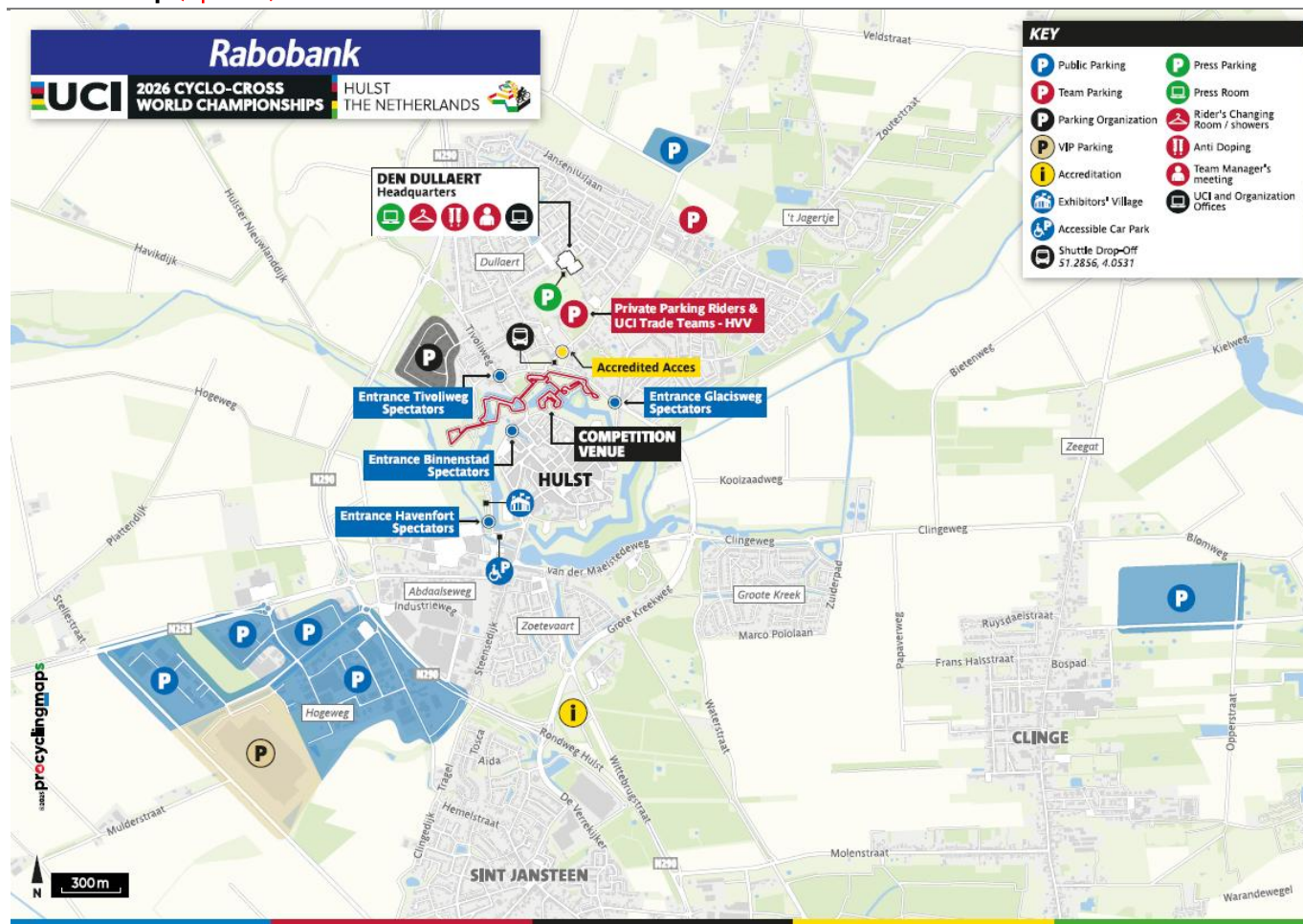
Gent St Pierre train station 44km

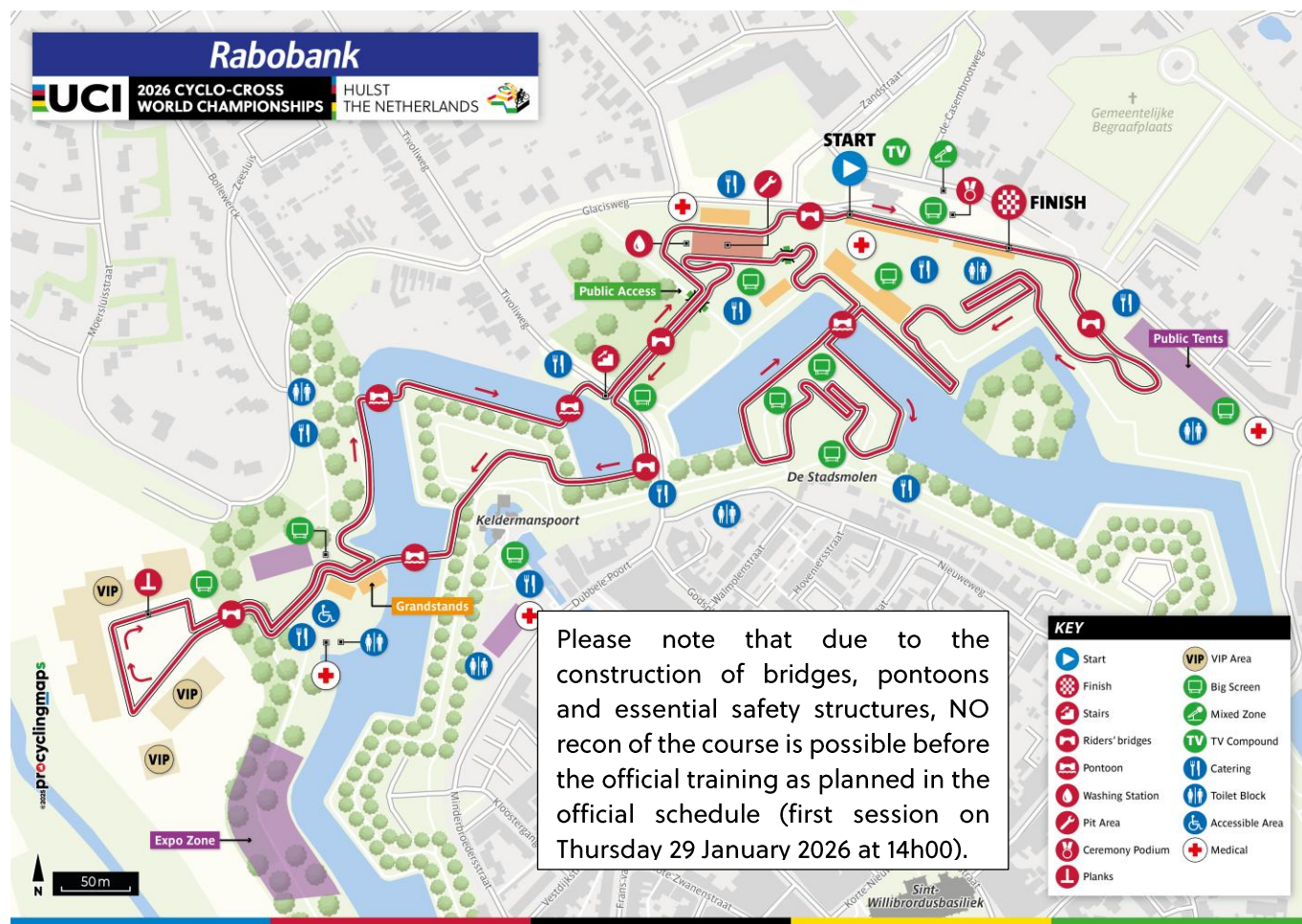
Public transport – on SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Several direct shuttles bring to the venue from Terneuzen, Sint-Niklaas, and Antwerp Linkeroever: information and booking are available on the [organisation website page "Accessibility"](#).

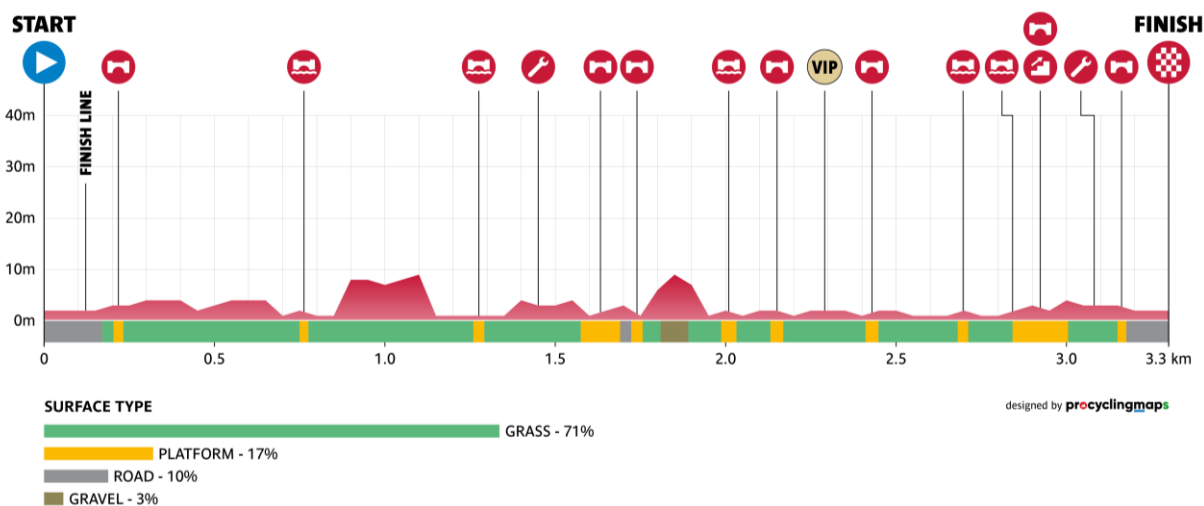
4- COURSE

General map (update)





Profile



[Video presentation of the parcours](#)

- length: 3.240 m
- positive elevation per lap: +40m
- pit 1 to pit 2: 1.620 m
- pit 2 to pit 1: 1.620 m
- start to first turn: 165m
- finish straight: 140m
- 5 pontoons: 145m (30m, 38m, 30m, 23,5m x 2)
- 7 bridges: 411m
 - 34m - 8m wide (x2 -> two-ways)
 - 36m - 4m wide
 - 40m - 6m wide
 - 27m - 3m wide
 - 120 m - 8m wide (x2 -> two-ways)
- 2 steep climbs
- 2 steep descents
- 1 planks section
- 1 stairs of 22 steps

5-RIDERS CATEGORIES AND COMPETITORS SELECTION

Category and year of birth

Men Elite, Women Elite	→ 2003 and before
Men Under 23, Women Under 23	→ 2004 to 2007
Men Junior, Women junior	→ 2008 and 2009

UCI rules

The riders' participation to the Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships is regulated by the [UCI articles 9.2.042 to 9.2.045 bis](#).

Nations quota

For all categories, the maximum number of riders per national team shall be determined by the ranking by nation of the category at the UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup as calculated per article 5.3.013bis:

	Ranking	Nations ranked from 1 st to 3 rd : 7 riders to start plus 3 substitutes	Nations ranked from 4 th to 6 th : 6 riders to start plus 3 substitutes
Men Junior (1)	Download	1- Italy 2- Belgium 3- Netherlands	4- France 5- Spain 6- Czechia
Women Junior (1)	Download	1- France 2- Italy 3- Netherlands	4- Czechia 5- Great Britain 6- Belgium
Men Under 23 (1)	Download	1- Netherlands 2- Belgium 3- France	4- Italy 5- Czechia 6- Great Britain
Women Under 23 (2)	Download	1- Netherlands 2- France 3- Belgium	4- United States of America 5- Slovakia 6- Italy
Men Elite (2)	Download	1- Belgium 2- Netherlands 3- Great Britain	4- Spain 5- Italy 6- France
Women Elite (2)	Download	1- Netherlands 2- France 3- Belgium	4- Italy 5- Czechia 6- Switzerland

All other nations, **5 riders to start plus 3 substitutes**

- (1) **Men Junior, Women Junior, Men Under 23** : the Nations' ranking is determined after the 4 rounds of the UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in: Tábor (CZE), Flamanville (FRA), Koksijde (BEL) and Dendermonde (BEL).
- (2) **Men Elite, Women Elite, Women Under 23** : the Nations' ranking is determined after the 9th round of the UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in Zonhoven (BEL) on 04 January 2026.

Additional quotas

9.2.009 *In all individual specialties, the **outgoing World Champion** may take part in addition to the number of starters that the National Federation of such Champions may enter under the qualification regulations. For the **Continental Champion**, this facility is limited to the first World Championships following the awarding of the title of Continental Champion.*

9.2.044 *The national federations concerned may additionally enter the outgoing UCI cyclo-cross world champions and the leaders of **the final UCI cyclo-cross world cup standings** men elite, men under 23, men junior, women elite, women under 23 and women junior.*

CATEGORY	2025 UCI WORLD CHAMPIONS	2025-2026 UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP
Men Junior	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>To be published on 25.01.2026</i>
Women Junior	Lise REVOL, FRA	<i>To be published on 25.01.2026</i>
Men Under 23	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>To be published on 25.01.2026</i>
Women Under 23	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>To be published on 25.01.2026</i>
Men Elite	Mathieu VAN DER POEL, NED	<i>To be published on 25.01.2026</i>
Women Elite	Fem VAN EMPEL, NED	<i>To be published on 25.01.2026</i>

CATEGORY	2025 UEC EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS	2025 COPACI PANAMERICAN CHAMPIONS
Men Junior	Filippo GRIGOLINI, ITA	Noah SCHOLNICK, USA
Women Junior	Barbora BUKOVSKÁ, CZE	Aida LINTON, USA
Men Under 23	Mattia AGOSTINACCHIO, ITA	Henry COOTE, USA
Women Under 23	Leonie BENTVELD, NED	Mia ASELTIME, USA
Men Elite	Toon AERTS, BEL	Andrew STROHMEYER, USA
Women Elite	Inge VAN DER HEIJDEN, NED	Elizabeth GUNSALUS, USA

Riders upgraded to the Elite category

Zoe BACKSTEDT (GBR) is upgraded in the Women Elite category, for the Cyclo-cross discipline only and from 26 January 2026.

6-REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

6.1 RIDERS ONLINE REGISTRATION

Riders' registration includes riders accreditation / accreditation request is not necessary for Riders.

When

The system will open on:

→Thursday 15 January 2026, 12h00 CET

The system will close on:

→Friday 23 January 2026, 12h00 CET

How

On the UCI platform:

- module [RegOnLine of UCI DataRide](#).
- any person of a National Federation in charge of riders' registration and not having access yet to that platform may request an access [by filling in this form](#).

Whereabouts

Accommodation details for athletes must be entered using the International Testing Agency (ITA) Rooming Application. Detailed information on how to enter this information will be communicated to National Teams shortly before the event. The deadline to enter this information is: **Friday 30 January 2026 - 12:00 CET**.

6.2 RIDERS CONFIRMATION AT THE VENUE

What

National Federations must show up at the time of the riders' confirmation to ensure the participation of their riders.

The accreditation pick-up for a rider is different from the confirmation of his participation to commissaires.

When

Friday 30 January 2026, from 09h00 to 11h30

(for all events except the Team Relay, see information at point 10.).

Where

Cultureel Centrum Den Dullaert

[Sportlaan 24, 4561 KZ Hulst, The Netherlands](#)

6.3 ACCREDITATION REQUEST

When

The System will open on:

→Monday 08 December 2025, 12h00 CET

The System will close on:

→Wednesday 21 January 2026, 12h00 CET

How

On the website uci.getyourevent.online: [direct link](#).

Access: personal login and password of each National Federation or UCI Team.

Please login with the e-mail address or username, and if you do not have/remember the password, you can easily retrieve it by clicking on the forgot password option in the homepage (double check your spam box if you do not receive the e-mail after few minutes).

Who

Maximum number of accreditations for National Federations per function:

(note that these quotas correspond to a complete participation and may be adapted to the number of riders who will take part Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships).

DELEGATION	President NF	1	SPORTING	Doctor	1
DELEGATION	General Secretary NF	1	SPORTING	Paramedical Assistant	4
DELEGATION	Officials NF	3	SPORTING	Mechanic	4
SPORTING	Team Manager	1	SPORTING	Press-officer	1
SPORTING	Assistant Team Manager	1	SPORTING	Interpreter	1
SPORTING	National Technical Director	1	ACCOMPANYING	Official Delegation	2
SPORTING	Coach	2	ACCOMPANYING	Sport Delegation	2
			SPORTING	Videographer *	1

* please check the conditions about filming and the waiver signing as described below

Individual Riders' mechanics do not need to be accredited; they will receive a bracelet for the event they are concerned with.

Digital activities of the National Teams

Photographer: a media accreditation must be requested via uci.getyourevent.online, use "create an account" if necessary. A letter of engagement from the National Federation will be requested.

* **Videographer:** each National Federation may request one videographer's accreditation. That accreditation will be confirmed when the videographer is signing the "videographer waiver NOT TO FILM any race" (including warmup, start preparation, start, race, finish arrivals, live flash interviews and/or podium). For avoidance of any doubt the accreditation as videographer includes filming rights of training, behind the scenes and interviews only.

6.4 ACCREDITATION PICK-UP

Thursday 29 January 2026	09h00 – 18h00
Friday 30 January 2026	09h00 – 18h00
Saturday 31 January 2026	09h00 – 17h00
Sunday 01 February 2026	08h30 – 12h00

Hockey Club MHC, [Wittebrugstraat 6, 4562 CA Hulst, The Netherlands](#)



6.5 RIDERS' ASSISTANTS AND STAFF

UCI rules

Attendants

5.1.041 Each rider may be accompanied by a paramedical assistant and two mechanics.

The paramedical assistant and the mechanics must be provided by the organiser with a free accreditation, which gives them access to the area reserved for them by virtue of their office.

The accreditations must be distributed outside the circuit, in a clearly indicated place.

For the UCI cyclo-cross world cup and world championships, accreditations for rider's paramedical assistant and two mechanics will be distributed by commissaires exclusively, after that the license's

check of each paramedical assistant and the mechanics has been completed.

Note that assistant and mechanics of riders are not mandatorily accredited, but they need to wear a bracelet that will give them access to the venue and then to the specific area they are expected to work.

6.6 TRAVEL TO THE NETHERLANDS AND INVITATION LETTER

If an invitation letter is necessary in order to get a visa to the Netherlands, please contact the Organizing Committee: info@hulst2026.com.

7- TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

Each National Federation shall designate a Team Manager who shall represent the National Federation during the World Championships and at meetings. Any contact with the National Federation teams shall be made through the Team Manager.

When and where

Team Managers meeting - Friday 30 January 2026 at 17h00

Cultureel Centrum Den Dullaert, [Sportlaan 24, 4561 KZ Hulst, The Netherlands](#)

Contents

The main rules and technical information will be explained to Nations during that meeting. National coaches will announce their pit box' choice, category per category.

Team bib

Due to the large number of spectators, National Team staff may access the areas of the course that are closed to spectators / for photographers only, to be able to pass information during the race. They can do so only if wearing a "Team" bib.

The coach must be wearing a bib, must follow any marshal instructions, and must be attentive of television cameras and photographers and not block them. A Team bib can be removed at any time.

One bib per nation will be distributed by the UCI Technical Delegate for any nation who has registered more than 4 riders, upon request and at the end of the Team Manager meeting.



8- START ORDER / RACE NUMBERS (INDIVIDUAL RACES)

For Elite & Under 23 categories, the starting procedure will include the presentation of the top 8 riders of the start order: the rider 9th of the start order will be called first, the first row of the grid being free. 6 minutes before the start, the rider ranked 1st of the start order will be called, then the rider ranked 2nd and so on. Call-up will be over 2,5 minutes before the start.

For Junior categories, the call-up for the first 8 riders will be "classic", with the 8 first riders called first from the call-up zone.

- The first 10 riders in the Elite & Under 23 categories will be invited by the UCI to record a short video.
- The first 10 riders in each category will be invited by the UCI to record a portrait photo.

These videos and photos will present them with their national outfit. The riders concerned will be contacted individually.

8.1 START ORDER

5.1.043 *The start order of events is determined as follows:*

1- The first 16 riders of the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross world cup standings of the current season. For the women under 23 race of the UCI world championships, the first 16 riders aged 19-22 years from the women elite UCI cyclo-cross world cup standings

2 - As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking of the current season.

3- For men elite and women elite races, the place 33rd to 40th of the start order will be allocated to riders ranked as per the following rankings, unless they are listed on the start order between the place 1st to 32th according to point 1 and 2 above:

- top 10 of the UCI mountain bike cross-country ranking
- top 20 of the UCI road world ranking

The place 33rd to 40th will be allocated following the riders' ranking in any discipline: UCI mountain bike cross country or UCI road world ranking. If two riders have the same ranking, they will be placed by drawing lot.

4- Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

8.2 RACE NUMBERS

5.1.046 The allocation of race numbers at UCI World Championships and UCI World Cup events shall be as follows:

- race numbers in sequence from 1 upwards to the country of the world champion of the preceding season;
- race number 1 shall only be allocated to the reigning world champion of the category concerned;
- the other race numbers are issued to nations on the basis of their classification in the UCI world championships of the preceding season;
- for nations not ranked or not having taken part in the UCI world championship the preceding season, the allocation shall be by drawing lot.

Men Junior Nr 1 n/a	Women Junior Nr 1 Lise REVOL	Men Under 23 Nr 1 n/a	Women Under 23 Nr 1 n/a	Men Elite Nr 1 Mathieu VAN DER POEL	Women Elite Nr 1 Fem VAN EMPEL
Nations ranking	Nations ranking	Nations ranking	Nations ranking	Nations ranking	Nations ranking
1 ITA	1 FRA	1 NED	1 GBR	1 NED	1 NED
2 FRA	2 CZE	2 BEL	2 FRA	2 BEL	2 FRA
3 BEL	3 USA	3 FRA	3 NED	3 FRA	3 BEL
4 NED	4 GBR	4 CZE	4 USA	4 ESP	4 ITA
5 ESP	5 CAN	5 CAN	5 CAN	5 SUI	5 ESP
6 USA	6 ESP	6 GER	6 ITA	6 GBR	6 CAN
7 CZE	7 NED	7 ITA	7 BEL	7 USA	7 POL
8 CAN	8 BEL	8 ESP	8 CZE	8 GER	8 USA
9 SVK	9 ITA	9 JPN	9 SVK	9 CAN	9 HUN
10 IRL	10 SUI	10 DEN	10 JPN	10 ITA	10 GER
11 GER	11 DEN	11 SUI	11 ROU	11 CZE	11 AUT
12 DEN	12 JPN	12 USA	12 LUX	12 JPN	12 DEN
13 GBR	13 ROU	13 HUN	13 AUT	13 POL	
14 POL	14 FIN	14 POL	14 SUI	14 DEN	
15 HUN	15 GER	15 ROU	15 GER	15 ROU	
16 AUT		16 NZL	16 HUN		
17 SUI			17 IRL		
18 JPN			18 ALB		
19 LUX			19 ESP		
20 ROU					
21 AUS					

9- ALLOCATION OF BOXES (INDIVIDUAL RACES)

5.1.036 The pit boxes are allocated [...] during the team managers meeting for the UCI cyclo-cross world championships as follows:

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 choose 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.

10-PRIZE MONEY

Rank	1st	2nd	3rd
Team Relay	€ 15'000	€ 7'500	€ 3'750
Men / Women Elite	€ 5'000	€ 2'500	€ 1'250
Men / Women Under 23	€ 2'500	€ 1'250	€ 675
Men / Women Junior	€ 1'250	€ 675	€ 340

Those prize money are paid by the UCI via the CPM (UCI Centralized prize money) after the final validation of the Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships results.

11-RABOBANK UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM RELAY

The Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships Team Relay are organized on:
Friday 30 January 2026 13h35 CET.

11.1 PARTICIPATION, REGISTRATION

For the team relay, each nation may enter only one team. Each National Team shall be made up of :

- 1 Men Elite or 1 Men Under 23,
- 1 Men Under 23 or 1 Men Junior,
- 1 Men Junior,
- 1 Women Elite or 1 Women Under 23,
- 1 Women Under 23 or 1 Women Junior,
- 1 Women Junior.

Incomplete teams are not allowed. One rider cannot race in more than 1 of the above-listed categories. Each rider selected must already be entered for the individual Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships events.

The registration of nations to the Cyclo-cross Team Relay event will be as following:

- by **Thursday 15 January 2026, 12h00 CET**: reply of nations [to the participation intention form](#) ("yes", "no", "do not know yet").
- by **Friday 23 January 2026, 12h00 CET**: registration of nations with 6 riders by e-mail to christelle.reille@uci.ch.

- by **Thursday 29 January 2026 at 16h30 CET**: team composition and start order must be confirmed by e-mail to christelle.reille@uci.ch.

The Team Manager must use the [form provided to notify the names and categories of the riders](#) making up their team and their start order to the chief commissaire's panel before the above-mentioned deadline. The start order may not be altered subsequently.

11.2 BIB NUMBERS, GRIDDING, START

The order of Nations is drawn on the basis of the results of the 2025 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships Team Relay in Liévin, France.

1	Great Britain	6	Belgium
2	Italy	7	Canada
3	France	8	Spain
4	USA	9	Japan
5	Czechia	10	Romania

The order of Nations not placed will be determined by drawing lots.

This order of Nations for the Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships team relay shall determine the following elements:

- the order of Nations on the entry list and the allocation of bibs numbers: the first nation will receive the number 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, the second nation the number 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, and so on;
- the call-up order of the first riders to start the team relay: the first rider to start of the nation number 1 of the order will be called first, then the first rider to start of the nation number 2, and so on;
- the number of the start box of the relay zone;
- the number of the pit box of the pit area.

Teams are responsible for determining the order of riders and for their timely presence in the relay zone.

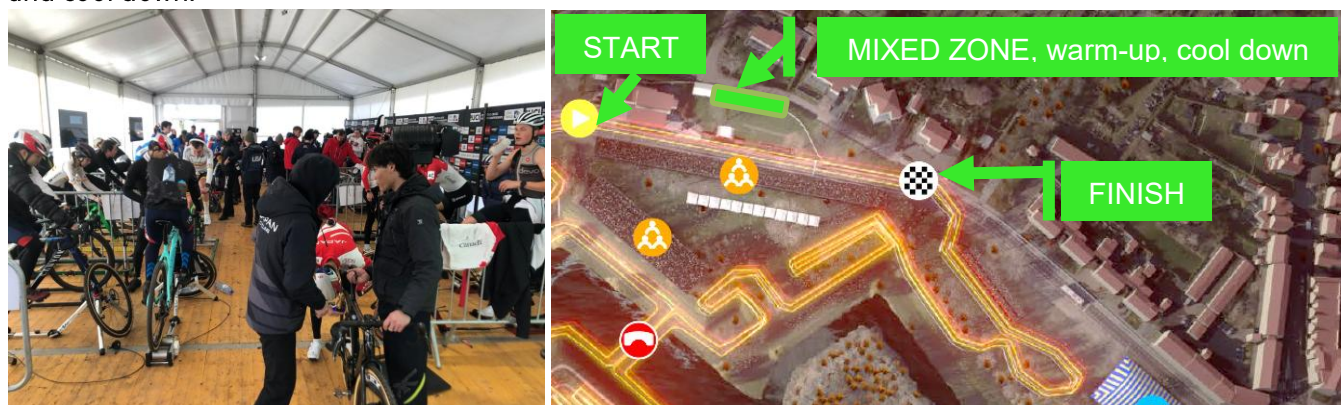
11.3 TEAM RELAY RACE

Each rider shall race during one complete lap of the parcours used for the individual races of the Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships. At the end of his lap and in the official relay zone, he shall give the relay to the next teammate.

The finishing rider must touch the hand, arm or shoulder of the next racing rider, when he is standstill in the relay box. No flying relay shall be accepted. When he is touched by the finishing rider, the next racing rider can start and ride his lap.

If the rider finishing his relay passes his teammate without touching him, he must immediately make a u-turn and come back to the box allocated to his nation. The riders racing after the last relay shall finish their lap by crossing the finish line of the venue.

The Nations can benefit 1 box in the tent that will be the media mixed zone during the week-end, for warm-up and cool down.



Other information of the sporting conditions of the relay zone (start, finish, location of relay boxes) will be communicated to National Federations before the 25 January 2026.

11.4 PIT AREA

4 mechanics per nation will be allowed in the pit area, they will receive a bracelet that will give access to the pit area for the Team Relay only.

The boxes allocation will be allocated following the above-mentioned order of Nations: the Nation 1 receive the boxe nr 1, the Nation 2 the boxe nr 2 and so on...

11.5 AWARDS CEREMONY, PRIZES

The 6 riders of each of the 3 first ranked nations will have to present to the Team Relay Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships awards ceremony. The riders of the 1st nation will all receive one UCI World Champion jersey. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the 18 riders following their Nations' rank.

UCI points are allocated to the nation's women elite and men elite rankings only and not to the riders individually. A minimum of 5 nations must compete in the cyclo-cross team relay for UCI points to be awarded.

12-OTHER UCI RULES

12.1 PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.2.001 *It is the National Federations who select riders to participate in World Championships.*

9.2.003 *National Federations shall enter with the UCI via its website.*

9.2.005 *Save in the case of an act of God, a National Federation that has enrolled by returning the enrolment form for a World Championship and that does not participate shall be liable to a fine of CHF 500 to CHF 2'000.*

9.2.007 *Federations shall announce the names of the riders who are to take the start to the commissaires panel by noon at the latest on the eve of the first race of the competition. .../...
A rider declared unfit following an abnormal blood test cannot be replaced.*

9.2.008 *Unless prevented by an act of God, a rider once announced as taking the start and who fails to present, shall be liable to a fine of CHF 500 to CHF 5'000.
An injury or sickness shall be recognized as an act of God only if the rider is declared incapable of taking the start by the UCI Medical Delegate.*

12.2 EQUIPMENT

Compliance with UCI Technical Regulations

All framesets and wheels used in UCI sanctioned events must be approved by the UCI, in accordance with Article 1.3.001bis of the UCI Regulations. The lists of approved framesets and wheels can be found on the [Equipment page of the UCI website](#). See:

- Framesets [List of Approved Models of Framesets](#) see column Disc. = CX
- Wheels [List Approved Wheels ENG](#)

For the 2025-2026 season, this requirement is compulsory for all categories at UCI World Cup events and UCI World Championships.

1.3.031 *Wearing a rigid safety helmet shall be mandatory during competitions and training sessions.*

5.1.059 *For the UCI cyclo-cross world cup and world championships, men elite and women races only, the use of radio-communication from the rider to his/her mechanics is allowed. The use of radio-communication from staff to the rider is forbidden. The use of such a system is subject to any relevant legal provisions.*

- 1.3.025 *Disc brakes are allowed in cyclo-cross training and competition. 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.*
- 1.3.018 *Wheels of the bicycle may vary in diameter between 70 cm maximum and 55 cm minimum, including the tyre. For the Cyclo-cross bicycle the width of the tyre (measured between the widest parts) shall not exceed 33 mm and it may not incorporate any form of spike or stud.*
- 5.1.034 *Personal high-pressure cleaners are forbidden in the pit area during the UCI cyclo-cross world championships, the UCI cyclo-cross world cup and the continental cyclo-cross championships.*
- 1.3.002 *The UCI shall not be liable for any consequences deriving from the choice of the equipment used by licence holders, nor for any defects it may have or its non-compliance. Framesets used must meet all relevant ISO quality and safety requirements for bicycles as well as any other standards applicable in the country of the event."*

12.3 RACE CLOTHING

Wearing of national team clothing is mandatory during the UCI World Championships.

- 1.3.056 *National federations shall submit to the commissaires' panel of events as specified in art. 1.3.059, a sample of their national team clothing for validation. The design, color, place and size of the advertising spaces of the validated equipment must be identical for all athletes participating to the applicable events.*
We encourage you to present to the UCI your national apparels before sending them for final production.
The apparel of the riders of a national team must always be identical to the last sample submitted.
- 1.3.057 *Advertising matter, as detailed in the ["UCI jerseys visual guidelines"](#) brochure published on the UCI Website, shall be used at the national federation's discretion.*
Advertising matter on jersey and shorts may vary from one rider to another.
The design of the jersey and shorts may vary from one category of rider to another.
Additionally, the rider's name may appear on the back of the jersey.
The above measures also apply to other items of clothing worn during competition (rain jackets, etc.).
- 1.3.029 *No item of clothing may hide the lettering on the jersey or the rider's identification number, particularly in competition and at official ceremonies*
The use of net or plastic pocket to hold the bib or arm number on the rider's jersey is prohibited. If such a device exists on the rider's outfit, then the rider will have to pin his numbers above the pocket.

12.4 AWARDS CEREMONY

- 9.1.044 *Within 10 minutes following the end of each race (unless otherwise provided and duly recorded in an official communiqué), the World Champion, as well as the second and the third placed riders shall be ready for the official ceremony that shall be conducted under the responsibility of the president of the commissaires' panel.*
- 9.1.046 *Riders shall appear in racing attire, wearing their national jerseys but bare-headed and without headband or glasses, until they leave the official ceremony enclosure.*
- 9.1.050 *A World Champion may not wear the jersey identifying his title and bearing the regulation advertisement of his main sponsor(s) until, at earliest, the day following that on which he received it.*
- 9.1.051 *Any infringement of the provisions of articles 9.1.044 to 9.1.050 shall be punished by a fine of CHF 2'000 to CHF 10'000 minimum. A higher fine may be imposed depending on the advantage derived from the offence.*

12.5 UCI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS NATIONS RANKING

9.2.045 *ter A* ranking by nations for the cyclo-cross world championships shall be drawn up by summing the points of the first three riders from each nation.

The system for awarding points is based on the total number of rider starting in each category. If 100 riders start, the winner will score 100 points while the 100th placed rider would score 1. Should some starters not be given a finishing position, the last rider to be classified shall score the points for his position without taking account of the unclassified riders. Example: if 100 riders start and 80 riders are classified, the last of them will score 21 points.

Nations with three finishing riders shall be ranked first, then nations with two finishing riders and finally nations with one finishing rider. In case of equal points in this classification, the place of the best ranked rider will break the tie.

If one or more riders of one age category take place to the cyclo-cross team relay, then the nation will receive for that age category one bonus of points. The system for awarding points is based on twice the total number of nations starting in the cyclo-cross team relay. If 15 nations start, the winning nation will score 30 points while the 15th placed nation would score 2 points.

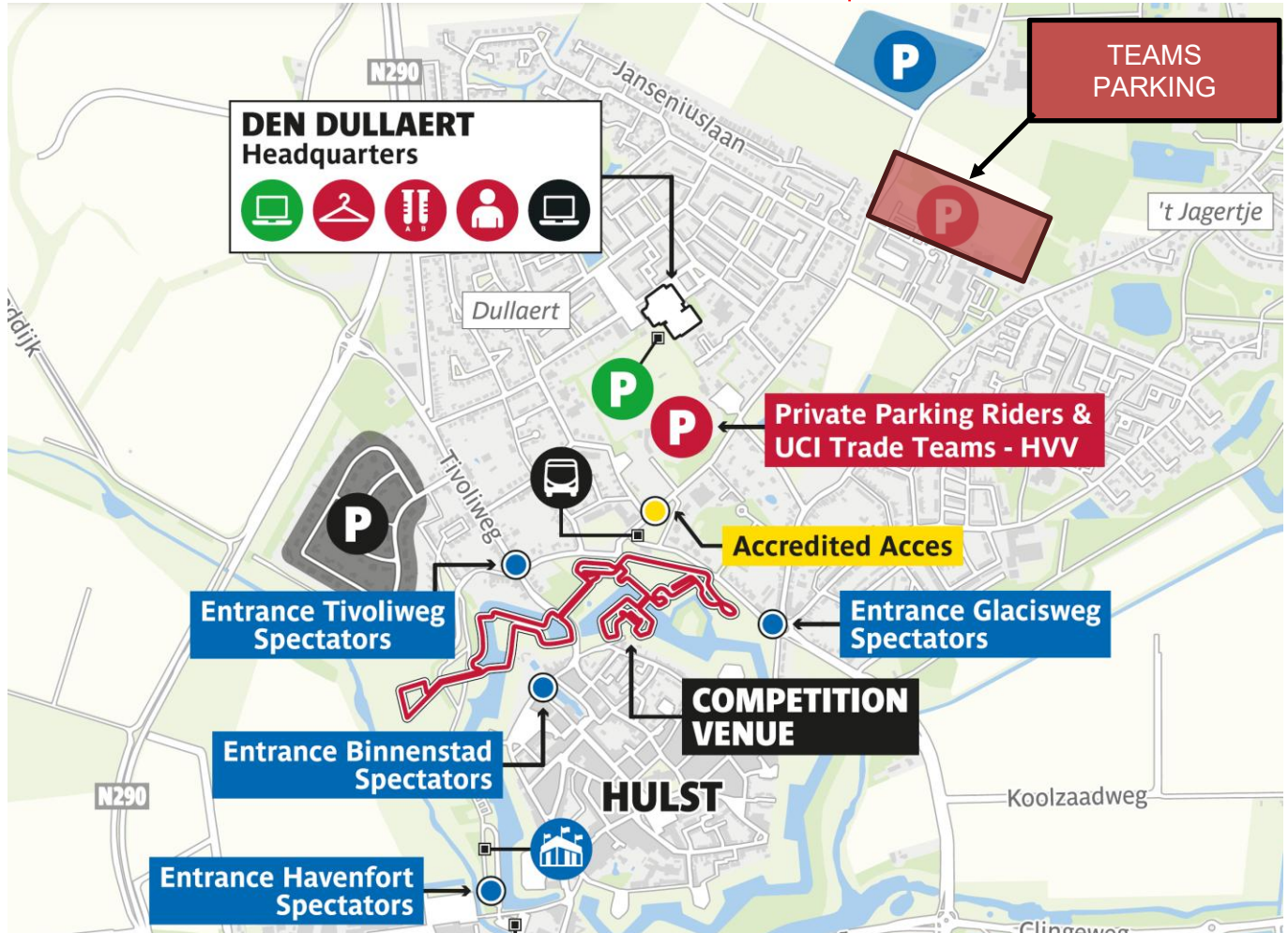
13-ACCOMODATION, PARKINGS AND NATIONS AREA

13.1 ACCOMODATION

On the initiative of the Municipality of Hulst, a Facebook group "[STAY IN HULST](#)" has been set up where locals can offer accommodations or spaces for tents or campers to UCI World Championships visitors.

13.2 TEAMS PARKING

The **TEAMS PARKING** is reserved to National Teams vehicles and tents. (update)



The parking pass for **UCI Teams** gives access to the "**Private Parking Riders & UCI Trade teams HVV**" area (in red on the map below); that pass will not allow to access to the **TEAMS PARKING**. No camper, van, truck, bus is allowed on "**Private Parking Riders & UCI Trade Teams HVV**". If one vehicle must access to the **TEAMS PARKING**, it must be integrated in the list of vehicles for that National Team by the National coach.

Note that you can receive parking ticket for riders for their **individual vehicle: "Private Parking Riders & UCI Trade Teams HVV"** (open Saturday and Sunday only).

The **TEAMS PARKING** will not be guarded overnight, the equipment that will be left there is under the responsibility of the teams. Overnighting in campers is allowed on the Teams Parkings.

Parkings' opening and closing dates:

Thursday 29 January 2026: from 09:00

Friday 30 January 2026: from 07:30

Saturday 31 January 2026: from 07:30

Sunday 01 February 2026: from 07:30, Teams vehicle must evacuate before 19h00

Before Thursday 29 January 2026 09:00, teams and riders are not allowed on the **TEAMS PARKING**, if necessary, they must use the campings "[camper plaats](#)" in the region of Hulst.

Teams are advised to anticipate traffic jam on competition's days.

Parking passes will be prepared by the UCI and distributed to the National Coach and UCI Teams at the accreditation center.

13.3 NATIONS AREA

One boxe per National Team can be booked in one of the building of the Den Dullaert Center. That boxe will be set-up in a covered and heated area. Toilets and showers will be available nearby.

Each boxe will be equipped with 1 table and 4 seats.

Water point is available at the entrance of that area for bike wash (Teams must bring their washers and connectors).

13.4 BOOKING AND CONTACT

Contact of the parkings' managers: **Coline Briquet and Elise Picard** teams@hulst2026.com.

Please specify your needs for the parking and the boxe (for National Federations only), before Thursday 15 January 2026 12h00 CET [with that FORM](#).

The Organisation Committee and the UCI reserve the right to modify the surface requested if the number of entered riders is not consistant with the Nation's request.

14-UCI TEAMS

UCI Cyclo-cross Teams may request for 2 accreditations for the event and 2 parking passes.

UCI Cyclo-cross Professional Teams may request for 4 accreditations for the event and 4 parking passes.

Other UCI Teams (Road, MTB) may request for 2 accreditations for the event and 2 parking passes.

14.1 ACCREDITATIONS

Please connect to uci.getyourevent.online.

If your team does not remember the login details, please use the "**Forgot password?**" procedure, based on your e-mail address.

14.2 DIGITAL ACTIVITIES OF UCI TEAMS

Photographer: media accreditation is exclusively reserved for official media publications and one photographer per National Federation. Accreditation is not granted to trade teams, brands, sponsors, or individual riders. If you require photographs of your riders, we recommend coordinating with one of the accredited photographers.

* Videographer: each UCI Trade Team with riders participating to the event may request one videographer's accreditation. That accreditation will be confirmed when the videographer is signing the "***videographer waiver NOT TO FILM any race***" (including warmup, start preparation, start, race, finish arrivals, live flash interview(s) and/or podium). For avoidance of any doubt the accreditation as videographer includes filming rights of training, behind the scenes and interviews only.

14.3 UCI TEAMS PARKING

The UCI World Championships is a competition raced by National Teams and not by Trade Teams.

The UCI Teams receive parking passes so that Team's management may assist to the UCI World Championships.

The parking pass for UCI Teams will not allow vehicles to access to the National Teams parking but to the parking on the preceding map indicated with "**Private Parking Riders & UCI Trade Teams HVV**".

No camper, van, truck, bus is allowed on "**Private Parking Riders & UCI Trade Teams HVV**".

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.

15-OFFICIALS

UCI officials and Commissaires

UCI Sports Director	Peter VAN DEN ABEELE	BEL
UCI Technical Delegate	Beat WABEL	SUI
Manager Off-Road UCI	Annelyse TORRENT DAY	SUI
UCI Cyclo-cross Consultant	Christelle REILLE	FRA
UCI Medical Director	Pr Xavier BIGARD	FRA
UCI Public Announcer	Niko DE MUYTER	BEL
Local Public Announcer	Johann VAN DER MADE	NED

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Member	Jürgen DERYCKERE	BEL
Member	Federica GUARNIERO	ITA
Member	Kunie KUBO	JPN
Technical	Laurent GENETELLI	BEL

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Wilfred HAAN
Erwin KISTMAKER
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Project manager	Sebastian ABLOTH
Course manager	Kurt VERNIMMEN
Course building	Team of Kruibeke, Belgium
Marketing & communication	Bram DE BRAUWER
Sport & event presentation	Lander MERCKPOEL
Medical team	Ernest DIXON / Vinke Vision
Parkings managers	Coline BRIQUET & Elise PICARD
Press Officer	Guy VERMEIREN
VIP hospitality	Lorine VAN DEN EYNDE
Crisis management	Jens HEYMAN
Side events & volunteers	Eelco FRANCKAERT
Operational & technics	Raf ROELS, Marc JANSSENS
Accreditation manager	Koen MARIS
Awards ceremony	Koen MATHYS
TV Production	Hans SPEETJENS
TV Director	Andrew VAN DYCK

16-USEFUL ADDRESSES & CONTACTS

Local Host Stichting Vestingcross postbus 155, 4561 AD Hulst info@hulst2026.com	Riders Confirmation Team Managers meeting Media Centre & Media parking National Team covered area, showers UCI office Organising Committee's office Doping Control Station Cultureel Centrum Den Dullaert Sportlaan 24, 4561 KZ Hulst Google map
Race venue Glacisweg 4561 BN Hulst Google map	
Accreditation Center Hockey Club MHC Wittebrugstraat 6, 4562 CA Hulst Google map	
UCI Official Hotel Van der Valk Hotel Beveren Gentseweg 280, 9120 Beveren-Kruibeke-Zwijndrecht, Belgium www.hotelbeveren.be	

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