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### UCI GRAVEL

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS** 

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#### 1. PROGRAMME

#### Local time = CET = GMT+1

#### **Wednesday 8 October**

11.00 - 12.30 Local press conference

#### **Thursday 9 October**

09.00 - 17.00	Course inspection by the PCP and UCI Technical Delegate
09.00 - 17.00	Unofficial training
	(no marshals in place so traffic regulations MUST be respected!)

#### Friday 10 October

09.00 - 18.00	Expo Zone (De Haemen, Beek)
09.00 - 17.00	Unofficial training (no marshals in place so traffic regulations MUST be respected!)
09.00 - 18.00	Riders registration and accreditations delivery  – Sportpark De Haamen 1, 6191 HV Beek
15.00	Team Managers Meeting (Elite category competition)  – Sportpark De Haamen 1, 6191 HV Beek. => at the registration area

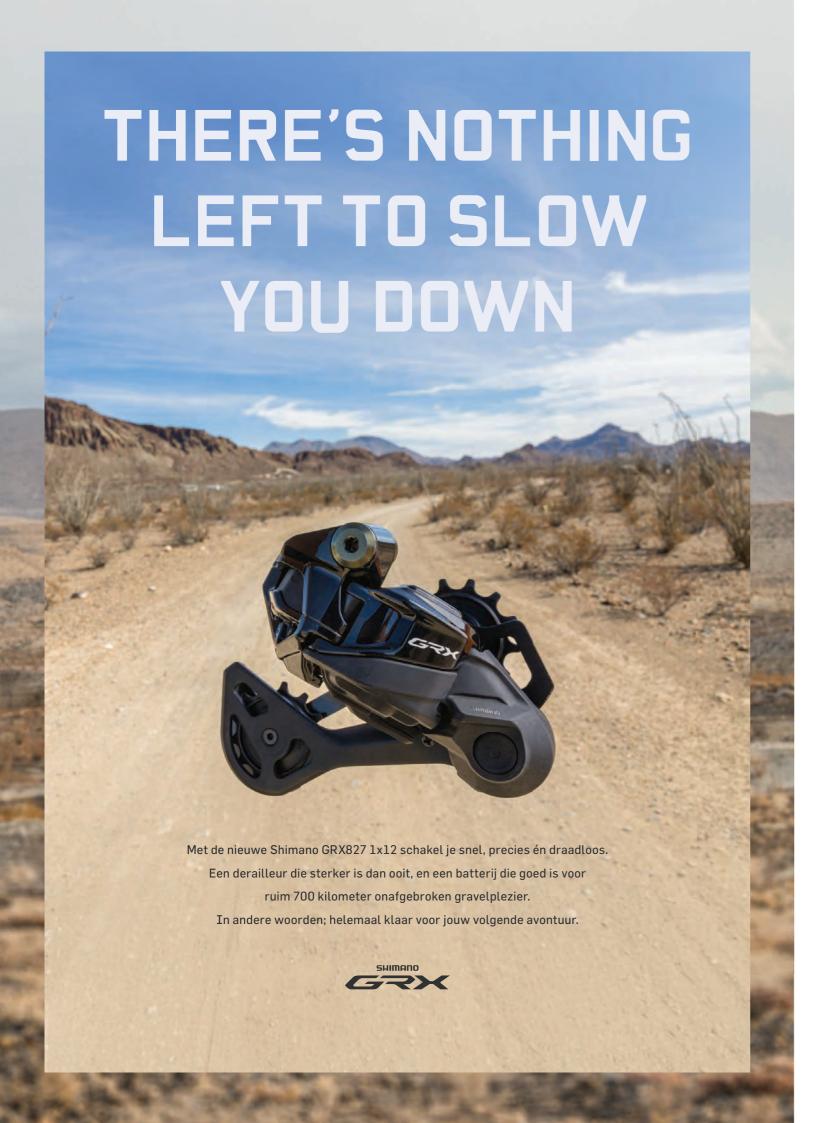
#### Saturday 11 October

08.00 - 16.00	Riders registration – Sportpark De Haamen 1, 6191 HV Beek
10.40	Call up riders starting from 11.00 to 11.25 – De Haemen, Beek
11.00	Women Elite (131km)
11.15	Men age group 50-54 (131km)
11.17	Men age group 55-59 (131km)
11.19	Men age group 60-64 (131km)
11.20	Women age group 19-34 (131km)

11.21	Women age group 35-39 (131km)
11.22	Women age group 40-44 (131km)
11.23	Women age group 45-49 (131km)
11.24	Men age groups 65+ (81km)
11.25	Women age groups 50+ (81km)
14.00	Podium ceremonies age groups Men 65+ and Women 50+
14.30	Finish Women Elite – Groene Loper, Koningsplein, Maastricht Awards Ceremonies (directly after the arrival of top 3 riders)
15.00	Podium ceremonies age groups Men 50-64 & Women 19-49 (upon arrival of top 3 riders)
16.00 - 18.00	Cool-down Koningsplein

#### Sunday 12 October

08.00 - 10.00	Riders registration – Sportpark De Haamen 1, 6191 HV Beek
11.15	Call up riders starting from 11.45 to 11.59 – De Haemen, Beek
11.45	Men Elite (181km)
11.50	Men age group 19-34 (181km)
11.53	Men age group 35-39 (181km)
11.56	Men age group 40-44 (181km)
11.59	Men age group 45-49 (181km)
16.15	Finish Men Elite – Groene Loper, Koningsplein, Maastricht Awards Ceremonies (directly after the arrival of top 3 riders)
17.00 - 18.00	Podium ceremonies Men 19-49 (upon arrival of top 3 riders per category)
17.00 - 21.00	Cool-down/afterparty Koningsplein Maastricht



#### 2. OFFICIALS

UCI President of the Commissaires Panel (PCP) Christopher Enzi (AUT)

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Patrick Houthooft
Johan van der Made

#### 3. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

The provisions listed in that Technical Guide have the force of law for the UCI Gravel World Championships. They are extracts of:

- UCI Gravel Regulations <u>PART XV: CYCLING FOR ALL, version on 01.01.2022, Chapter III</u> <u>GRAVEL</u>
- UCI Gravel World Championships Organisation Guide

Regarding penalties, the UCI article 2.12.007 "table of race incidents" in Part 2 Road of the UCI rules applies.

#### **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 World Championships.

AGE CATEGORY	YEAR OF BIRTH
Women and Men 19 - 34 years	1991 to 2006
Women and Men 35 - 39 years	1986 to 1990
Women and Men 40 - 44 years	1981 to 1985
Women and Men 45 - 49 years	1976 to 1980
Women and Men 50 - 54 years	1971 to 1975
Women and Men 55 - 59 years	1966 to 1970
Women and Men 60 - 64 years	1961 to 1965
Women and Men 65 - 69 years	1956 to 1960
Women and Men 70 - 74 years	1951 to 1955
Women and Men 75 - 79 years	1946 to 1950
Women and Men 80 + years	1945 and before

At the UCI Gravel World 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**

The <u>QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE 2025 UCI GRAVEL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS</u> has been approved by the UCI Management Committee.

The names of riders having gained qualification through the <u>UCI Gravel World Series</u> 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 UCI Gravel World Championships via the dedicated online registration portal.

#### **REQUIRED LICENSES**

Riders taking part in the UCI Gravel World Championships:

- 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 UCI Gravel World 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

#### **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 UCI World 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 UCI Gravel World 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 on Saturday 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 (top 3 qualified riders + defending world champion) and a second box with the other riders. 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 he 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).

#### <u>Publication of results</u>

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...

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REVEAL is the doping reporting platform managed by the International Testing Agency (ITA).



#### 4. REGISTRATION

The registration deadline is:

#### 6 OCTOBER 2025 (12.00 CET)

There are seven different ways riders can qualify for participation in the UCI Gravel World Championships.

- 1. All riders qualified in their respective category in the UCI Gravel World Series (www.ucigravelworldseries.com) by finishing in the top 25% of their age group. Riders who qualified as Elite can only participate as Elite in the UCI Gravel World Championships. Same rule for riders in their respective age groups. National level Elite riders (club) could however also qualify twice (as Elite and in their age group) which gives them the option to choose which category they want to race at the UCI World Championships.
- 2. The National Federation of the host nation (for 2025: the KNWU for Riders of Netherlands' nationality) gets 20 quotas to give to their best riders with direction qualification. These wildcards are only valid for Elite riders.
- 3. All other National Federations get 10 quotas each to give to their best riders with direct qualification for the UCI Gravel World Championships. These wildcards are only valid for Elite riders.
- 4. Reigning 2024 UCI Gravel World Champions are qualified directly even if their category changed between 2024 and 2025.
- 5. Reigning Continental Gravel champions are qualified directly.
- 6. Reigning National Gravel champions are qualified directly.
- 7. Wild cards can be given at the discretion of the UCI only.
- Every rider who is qualified through the UCI Gravel World Series will get an individual mail with a private link to register for the UCI Gravel World Championships.
- Riders participating in the age groups will have to pay 150 EUR as registration fee. Elite riders race for free.
- For every rider nominated with a wildcard through his/her National Federation, the National Federation should send an excel list with wildcards and full details towards info@ucigravelworldseries.com
- Wildcard riders will be put automatically on the start list.
- National and continental champions are invited to register themselves as we don't know if they will actually also participate.





#### **5. RACE NUMBERS**

#### 131km

- Women Elite
- Women 19-34
- Women 35-39
- Women 40-44
- Women 45-49
- Men 50-54
- Men 55-59
- Men 60-64

#### 81 km

- Men 65+
- Women 50+

#### 181 km

- Men Elite
- Men 19-34
- Men 35-39
- Men 40-44
- Men 45-49



Age: 19-34 Age: 55-59 Men & Women Age: 60-64 Age: 35-39 Men & Women Age: 65-69 Age: 40-44 Men & Women Men & Women Age: 45-49 Age: 70-74 Men & Women Men L. Women Age: 50-54 Age: 75-79

Elite men and women

Age groups

Back number is mandatory. Front number plate is only required when you want to buy photos after the event. You can't buy photos from **Sportograph** after the event without number plate! The use of the electronic transponder provided by the organisation is mandatory for all participants.

#### 6. BRIEFINGS

- Elites: Friday 15.00 (De Haemen, Beek)
  - o For national team coaches
  - o For team managers and DS of the UCI registered teams
  - o For individual elite riders
- Age Groups: the briefing slides will be sent per mail on Friday
- Jury internal meeting: Saturday 09.00am

#### 7. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The start of the 2025 UCI Gravel World Championships is located in De Haemen in Beek, where also registrations and briefings are located plus a large expo area. Riders also pass here every lap.

The first 5,5km on wide-open paved roads will include the Adsteeg, a 700m climb with an average gradient of 5% and a middle section reaching up to 8.5%, a climb also featured in the Amstel Gold Race. This early ascent is expected to spread out the peloton quickly.

Subsequent laps will see riders skip this initial paved section and head directly onto the gravel. The route is characterized by its hilly nature, with a significant gravel climb at the 12.5km mark of each lap that is steep in its first half. Another difficult section, the Diependaalsweg, appears after 40km and includes sandy sections at the top.

The hardest climb of the day comes on the finishing loop to Maastricht, where the Bronsdalweg, a 1km climb with an average gradient of 7.2% and a peak of over 8%, will be a decisive factor with only 14km remaining to the finish line on the "Groene Loper."

#### WOMEN ELITE

#### SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER

GPX link: <a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51655079">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51655079</a>

Distance: 131km

Start Women Elite: 11h00

MEN 50-64

#### SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER

GPX link: https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51655079

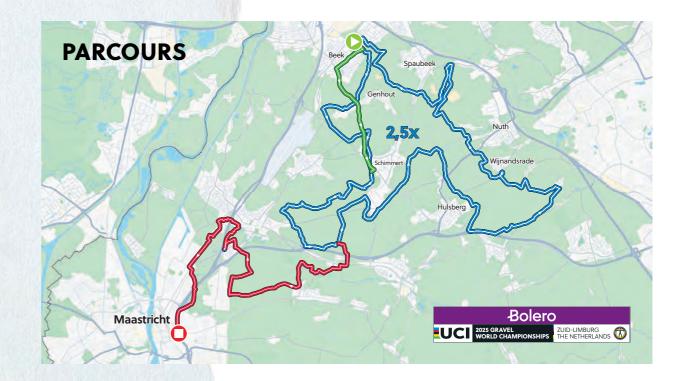
Distance: 131km Start: 11h15 to 11h23

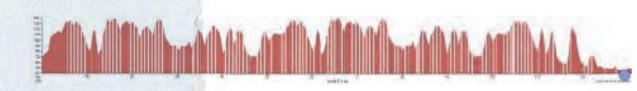
**WOMEN** 19-49

#### SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER

GPX link: https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51655079

Distance: 131km Start: 11h15 to 11h23





#### MEN 65+

#### SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

GPX link: <a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51435643">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51435643</a>

Distance: 81km Start Men 65+: 11h24

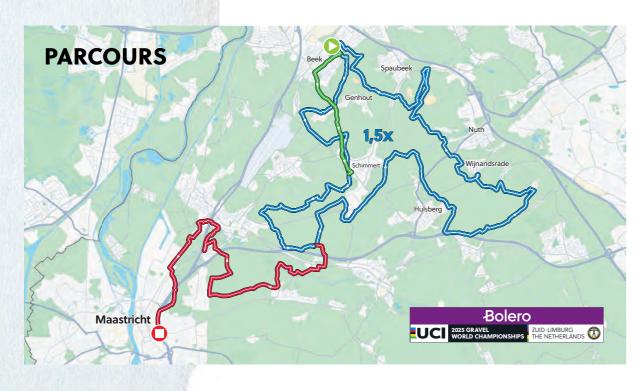
#### WOMEN 50+

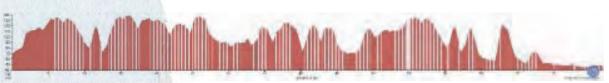
#### SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

GPX link: <a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51435643">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51435643</a>

Distance: 81km

Start Women 50+: 11h25





#### MEN ELITE

#### SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

GPX link: <a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51655071">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51655071</a>

Distance : 181km Start Men Elite: 11h45

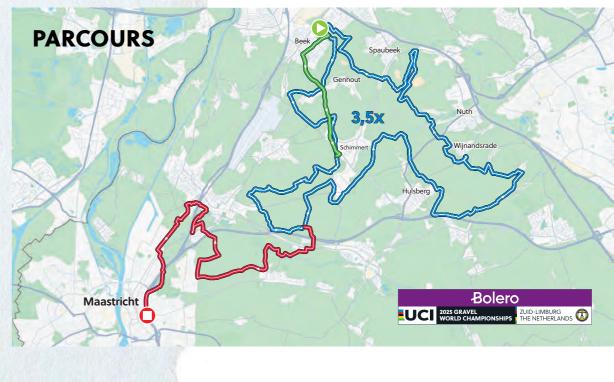
#### MEN 19-49

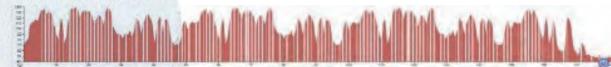
#### SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

GPX link: https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51655071

Distance: 181km

Start Men 19-49: from 11h50 to 11h59





#### 8. TRANSPORT

The start in Beek and finish in Maastricht are 15km apart. There are different ways to get from start to finish or vice versa. Check the website for detailed info.

#### • Shuttles:

Assistants of riders can park at the Maastricht regional airport and take a shuttle from there towards the start where they can also experience two or three passages. The shuttle hours are communicated on the website. There is no shuttle from the start to the finish.

#### • Car:

On a normal weekend day, the trip from Beek to Maastricht is only 15 minutes long in average, but given the traffic on course, especially after the last passage at the Haemen, this trip will most likely take much more time.

#### · Bike:

For those riders planning to ride their bike to the start from the finish line or from the finish back to the start after having done the event: the best route is 14km long and leads you via the last part of the race course, along the Maastricht regional airport to Beek. If you have a car, a good option is to park that car at the airport (large parking) and ride up to the start in the morning (5 or 6km depending on where you are parked) to then ride back to the parking after the finish (9-10 km).

#### 9. LOCATIONS IN BEEK



#### Start

Sportpark De Haamen De Haamen 1 6191 HV Beek

#### Registration room - UCI meeting room

Sportpark De Haamen De Haamen 1 6191 HV Beek

#### Team Managers meeting room Elite competition

Sportpark De Haamen De Haamen 1 6191 HV Beek

#### 10. LOCATIONS IN MAASTRICHT



#### Podium ceremony

Open Air podium Koningsplein Maastricht

#### **Press room**

Stichting Trefcentrum Wittevrouwenveld Edisonstraat 4 6224 GK Maastricht, Nederland

#### **Doping control location**

Stichting Trefcentrum Wittevrouwenveld Edisonstraat 4 6224 GK Maastricht, Nederland

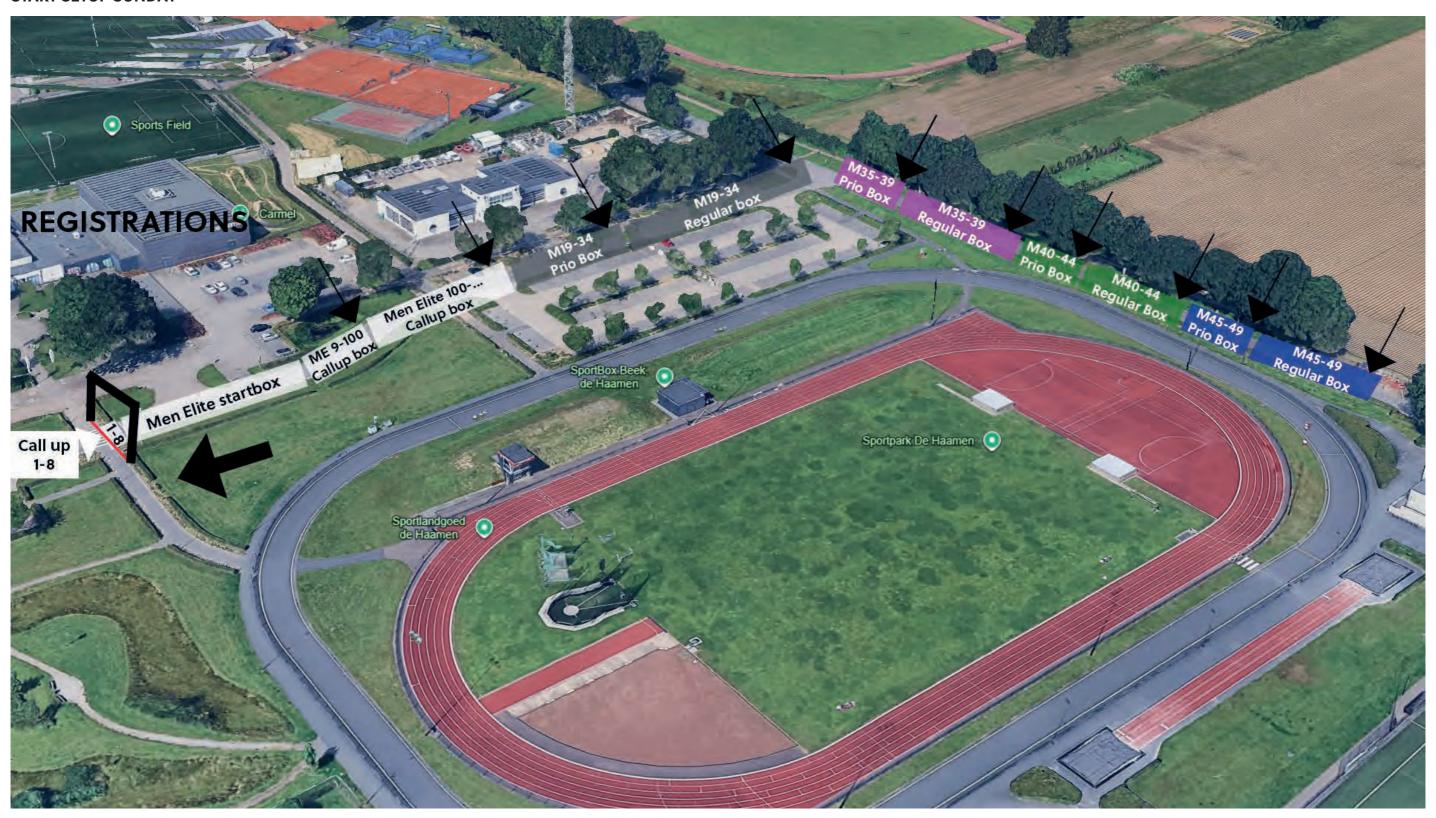
#### 11. START AREA

CALL UP: See the point 21. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS, Start order

#### START SETUP SATURDAY



#### START SETUP SUNDAY



#### 12. PARKINGS IN BEEK (START)

Parking UCI registered teams & National teams: De Asselen Kuil 10, 6161 RD Geleen (on parking Geonius Geleen) <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/suaZguMSdR2NruCUA">https://maps.app.goo.gl/suaZguMSdR2NruCUA</a> In order to apply for access to this parking, please mail to <a href="mailto:info@ucigravelworldseries.com">info@ucigravelworldseries.com</a>

Parking elites & age groups: Parking Maastricht Airport (7km from start). Shuttle back and forth for spectators <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/Avn4aYjJLc5MYxL59">https://maps.app.goo.gl/Avn4aYjJLc5MYxL59</a>

Parking Jury: Carmelstraat, Beek (behind the tennis fields) <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/hXHXDBPUpxGKRzMG6">https://maps.app.goo.gl/hXHXDBPUpxGKRzMG6</a>

### 13. DETAILS OF THE FINAL KILOMETERS



#### 14. FINISH SETUP







ARE YOU A WITNESS OR A VICTIM OF HARASSMENT OR OTHER FORM OF ABUSE?

LET US KNOW



REPORT IT ON WWW.UCI.ORG/SPEAKUP

UCI SPEAKUP is the Union Cycliste Internationale's online platform where you can report concerns or suspicions of harassment, abuse or any behaviour that undermines your wellbeing or the wellbeing of a member of the cycling family.

Let's keep cycling safe for all.

All reports are treated confidentially.

### 15. PARKINGS IN MAASTRICHT (FINISH)

#### Parking Elite & National Teams:

• Parking Mecc (parking 4) https://maps.app.goo.gl/od7bXu3xNzHqZ7AbA

#### Parking Age group riders:

- Parking Mecc (parking 1) <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/hQJfvr4wmxn87L169">https://maps.app.goo.gl/hQJfvr4wmxn87L169</a> (upon payment)
- Parking Mecc (parking 2) <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/xjmkSU3MzK71iPVB9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/xjmkSU3MzK71iPVB9</a> (upon payment)

#### **Parking Officials:**

 Noormannen straat (100m before the finish on the right side) https://maps.app.goo.gl/28nwMSjDVQ2iyTK98

### 16. RIDERS' EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTANCE



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 must be free of extension such as triathlon or time trial handlebars.

The UCI article 1.3.022 fully applies, especially the specification of the 10° maximum inclination of the brake levers (see also the <u>Clarification Guide for the UCI Technical regulation</u> page 37).

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

There is no minimum nor maximum tyre width.



#### **MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE**

- mechanical assistance is not provided by any neutral service during the race.
   Shimano will have mechanical assistance in the expo area the day before the race and on race days.
- 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.



#### **HELMET**

Wearing an helmet is mandatory for all competitions, throughout the whole race. 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.



#### **RIDERS' OUTFIT**

Every rider should wear a jersey or skinsuit representing his/her nationality during the UCI Gravel World 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.

It is forbidden to wear the rainbow stripes or any variation of their design on the jersey (sleeves/collar), bike, helmet, shoes or overshoes during the UCI Gravel World Championships.



#### **CAMERA**

Onboard camera are allowed but only mounted on the bike, not on the helmet nor on the body.

Moreover, in respect of TV exclusivity and electronics rights, the use of onboard camera is not allowed during Elite races, unless provided by the TV host broadcaster.



#### **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

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#### **CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**

Dr Jelle Posthuma

#### MEDICAL SERVICE COORDINATION

Dr Guusje Vrehen

#### DISTRIBUTION OF FIRST-AID ALONG THE COURSE

- 1 medical pit at start area
- 1 medical pit at feed zone nr 1
- 1 medical pit at feed zone nr 2
- 1 medical pit at finish area
- Mobile units: 2 cars, 1 quad, 3 ambulances, 2 motorbikes

#### 17. FEED ZONES

#### The course has

- 2 feed zones for Men 65+ and Women 50+
- 4 feed zones for Women Elite, Women 19-49 and Men 50-64
- up to 6 feed zones for Men Elite and Men 19-49)

Feed zones are spread over the course each 25km. In these feed zones, the organisation will provide food and drinks, but it's also possible for Teams and assistants to hand out food and drinks to riders.

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

Elite riders get **5 bracelets** for assistants, coaches and Team members to get access to these zones but also to the start and finish area.

Age group riders get 2 bracelets for the access to the same zones.

New in the UCI regulations since 2025 is that feeding from a private helper or team is possible:

- only on paved sections
- on all paved sections at the exception of downhill sections
- see suggested feed zones for the best locations.

#### Organisation's feed zone 1: Retersbekerweg, Klimmen (south side of the course km 27.8 - 28.4)

https://maps.app.goo.gl/UeWoLpz4vWdLBPEF7



#### Organisation's feedzone 2-Bloote Weg, Beek (200m before the start)

https://maps.app.goo.gl/pcmdxiUFTmrShrA16



#### **SUGGESTED ASSISTANTS' FEED ZONES**

Free feeding is possible on all paved sections on course, at the exception of downhill sections.

The following locations are suggestions for free feeding.



Waterval - Meerssen https://maps.app.goo.gl/tkN8qWKGE2wLJbi47



Meerssenderweg - Meerssen https://maps.app.goo.gl/3u8brzCVbai27Uis9



Groot Haasdal - Schimmert https://maps.app.goo.gl/1avdbn8Sg3GasEF48



Putstraat - Nuth https://maps.app.goo.gl/YBHrgPFEcxwP6jLy7



Bongard - Allee - Wijnandsrade https://maps.app.goo.gl/UTuhoHe6dQReWnPw8



Hegge - Schinnen



Kapelstraat - Valkenburgerstraat - Beek https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZhYPqfS1Wf5toyyL7 https://maps.app.goo.gl/BkKMCUveb2za4LSS6

Throwing away a bottle to your helper is allowed, throwing away gels and bars outside the official feed zones means disqualification.



#### **18. 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" and will stop after 1,5 lap where riders are going right towards the finish loop. This moto will then serve as the red flag motorbike for the Men 65+ and Women 50+ once they arrive to this point for their finish loop.

A second motorbike with a red flag opens the race 300-500 meters before the first riders and will continue to precede the Women Elite during the full race to then also turn right towards the finish.

The full local loop (until the turn towards the finish for the last 18km) will be totally closed off traffic until 16h15 on Saturday and 18h45 on Sunday.

From the moment riders turn right for the 18km finish loop towards Maastricht, a green flag motorbike will close the race after the last rider. This section will be open for traffic at 17h00 on Saturday and at 19h00 on Sunday.

Riders are ranked if they finish within two hours after the first Women Elite on Saturday or Men Elite on Sunday.

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!



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#### DISTRIBUTION OF FIRST-AID ALONG THE COURSE

1 medical pit at start area

- 1 medical pit at feed zone nr 1
- 1 medical pit at feed zone nr 2
- 1 medical pit at finish area
- Mobile units: 2 cars, 1 quad, 3 ambulances, 2 motorbikes

#### **HOSPITALS**

**UMC Maastricht** 

P. Debyelaan 25 6229 HX Maastricht (2km further after the finish line)

#### **Zuyderland Medisch Centrum Sittard-Geleen**

Dr. H. van der Hoffplein 1 6162 BG Geleen (7km from start)

#### **Zuyderland Medisch Centrum**

Henri Dunantstraat 5 6419 PC Heerlen (10km from Wijnandsrade)







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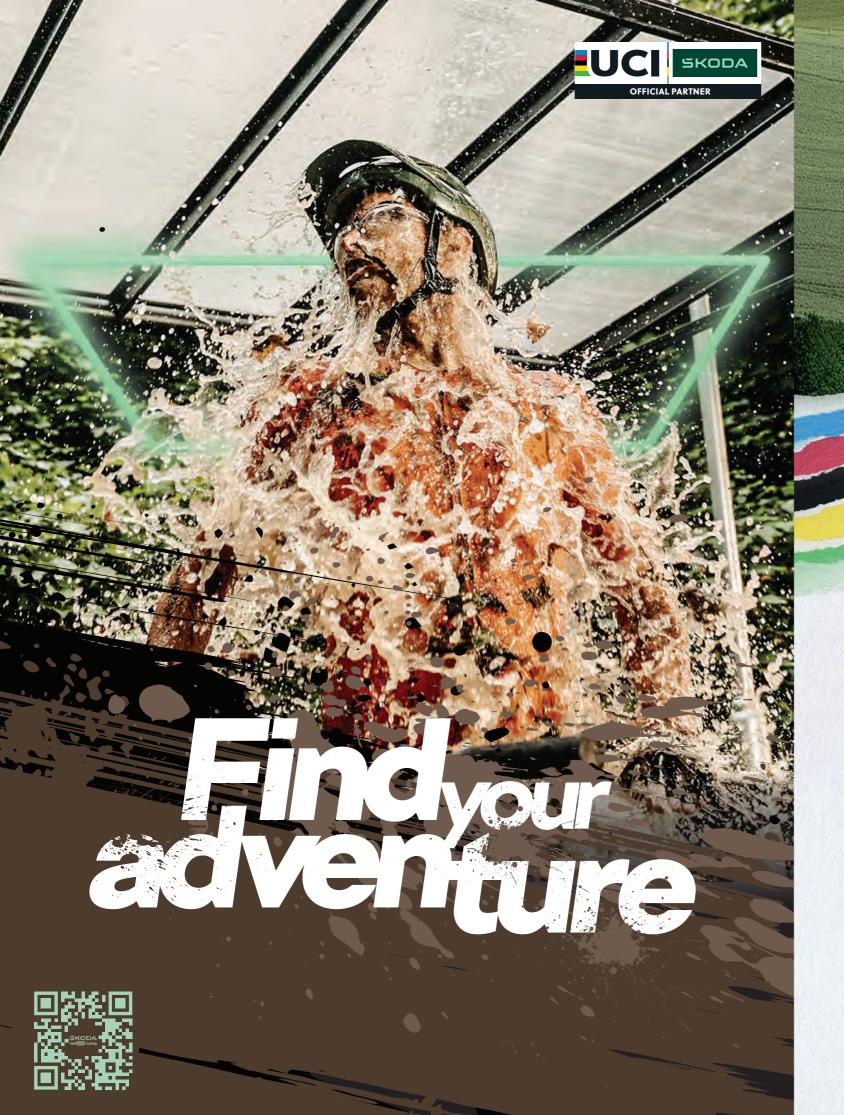
#### **20. TV BROADCAST**

The 2025 UCI Gravel World Championships will be live on various national television channels, through streaming or via the UCI YouTube channel (geoblocking applies). A lot of countries also broadcast highlights!

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