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COMPETITOR BRIEFING (GB*)

* = briefing & roadbook will be in Dutch and English as official languages

Note: The competitor briefing is a supplement & clarification of the regulations. It is advisable to read the regulations and bulletins.

A. EVENT WELCOME CENTER – ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS

Each competitor will be invited to the Event Welcome Center on Friday according to **an imposed timetable** (to be consulted on the official notice board). The Event Welcome Center is located at the following location:

*Belgian Westhoek Classic HQ
Sint-Hermesstraat
9600 RONSE*

A time control at the entrance to the administrative checks will be provided. Following the imposed check-in time will help reduce the queues at the administrative control. The administrative check can be carried out by 1 team member or a delegate of the team.

Parking spaces are provided within walking distance. **Each competitor must first visit the Event Welcome Center before driving to the parc fermé located at the "Grote Markt"! You can only get access to the parc fermé after putting on the door numbers & rally plates which you will receive during the administrative checks in the Event Welcome Center.**

PARKING EVENT WELCOME CENTER



The following documents will be checked during administrative checks:

- driving licence driver
- licences (both driver and codriver)*

* = only VAS or ASAF licences are permitted. (Inter)national licences are not allowed. Who is not in the possession of a valid licence can download the 'one event licence' request form on our online notice board. Please print and fill in this form before entering the administrative checks.

During administrative checks, you will receive:

- Doornumbers
- Rally plates
- Time cards
- Roadbook (enkel classic)
- Regularity time tables (enkel classic)
- Meal tickets
- Service roadbook (only for registered service crews)

The Event Welcome Center closes at 18h00.

B. SCRUTINEERING – STARTING PARK

After completing the administrative checks in the Event Welcome Center, you can put on your door numbers & rally plates. Afterwards you will go to the scrutineering and the starting park. The scrutineering is located at the following location:

*Grote Markt
B-9600 RONSE*

A roadbook between the Event Welcome Center and scrutineering is available on the online notice board.

The following documents will be checked during the scrutineering:

- obligatory documents from where the vehicle is registered
- valid insurance

Please keep these documents close at hand in order to guarantee a smooth process of the scrutineering.

During scrutineering, marshall will install a tracking system in your vehicle. You do not need to make any additional provisions (e.g. power supplies) for the tracking system to function properly.

Scrutineering closes at 18h15.

After scrutineering, you will have to park your car in the "starting park". **After you have parked your car in the starting park, it is not allowed to leave the starting park until your individual starting time (starting park = parc fermé rules).**

C. TRIP CHECK – REFUEL ZONE 0

Trip check:

A trip check is available on the online notice board. Crews that want to calibrate their trip meter using the trip check should perform the trip check before signing on at the Event Welcome Center.

Refuel zone 0:

Crews who want to start with a fully fuelled vehicle can refuel in the refuelling zone 0. The exact location of this refuelling zone can be found on the overview map 'HQ main locations' which you can find on the online board. We recommend you to visit the refuelling zone before signing up at the Event Welcome Centre.

D. TRAILERS – SERVICE CREW PARKING

Trailers:

Trailers are not allowed in the city centre of Ronse. A trailer park is provided. You can find the exact location on the overview map 'HQ main locations' on the online notice board.

Service crew parking :

Service crews can use the provided (public) parking 'Portois'. You can find the exact location on the overview map 'HQ main locations' on the online notice board.

E. MAIN LOCATIONS CITY CENTRE 'RONSE' **CITY CENTRE RONSE = MAXIMUM SPEED 30 KM/H**

All main locations in the centre of Ronse can be found on the interactive overview map. You can find the interactive map on the official signboard or via this link:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1eqHY8YyxY7il_0KCu4pmfCFgIINFJiLW&usp=sharing

F. STARTING ORDER

The event is divided in 2 legs:

- FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER LEG 1
- SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER LEG 2

The starting order will be as follow:

- LEG 1 by competition number (expert – classic; minimum 5' gap between 2 categories)
- LEG 2 by classification order (expert – classic; minimum 5' gap between 2 categories)

The starting list will be available on our online notice board and send by email:

- LEG 1 Friday 15 September at 18h00 (Expert) – 19h00 (Classic)
- LEG 2 Saturday 16 September at 00h00 (Expert) – 01h00 (Classic)

G. ROADBOOKS & TIME TABLES

Category EXPERT:

You will receive roadbook LEG 1 (Friday) at TC 1A;
You will receive roadbook LEG 2 (Saturday) at TC 2A;

You will receive the regularity time tables regularity stage 1 to 4 (included) at TC 1A;
You will receive the regularity time tables regularity stage 5 to 13 (included) at TC 2A;

Category CLASSIC:

You will receive roadbook LEG 1 (Friday) during administrative checks;
You will receive roadbook LEG 2 (Saturday) at TC 2A;

You will receive the regularity time tables regularity stage 1 to 4 (included) during administrative checks;
You will receive the regularity time tables regularity stage 5 to 13 (included) at TC 2A;

H. REGULARITY STAGES

Starting procedure

There are 2 different starting procedures:

- Manned start
- Selfstart

A) MANNED START (FREE START)

If a regularity stage will be started by a 'manned start', you simply join the queue at your arrival. There are no penalties for reporting too early or too late at a manned start of a 'closed road stage'. A marshal will write down your starting time on your time card. A marshal will start a competitor at 1-minute intervals each time.

TC 2A	VISA	NIVELLES - OVERNIGHT OUT	UU	MM	SS
	VISA	MANNED START RT 6 <i>first car 08h20</i>	UU	MM	SS
	VISA	TIMING POINT A			00
			UU	MM	SS

B) SELFSTART

If a regularity stage will be started by a 'selfstart', the competitor must calculate the starting time by himself using the information mentioned on the time card. Example:

TC 3A	VISA	KARTING MARIEMBOURG REGROUP OUT	UU	MM	SS
		SELF START RT 10			
	VISA	TIMING POINT A			TC 3A + 20'
			UU	MM	SS

- ➔ According to the example above, RT 10 is a 'selfstart' regularity stage. Your starting time is 20 minutes after TC 3A. This starting time is mandatory, even if you have been delayed earlier. The exact starting position of the regularity test will be indicated using a photo on the time table and a detailed tulip-scheme in the roadbook.

I. CLOSED ROAD STAGE

Starting procedure

The start procedure of a 'closed road stage' is the same start procedure as a regularity stage with manned start. On arrival at the start of a 'closed road stage', you join the queue. There are no penalties for reporting too early or too late at a manned start of a 'closed road stage'. A marshal will start a competitor at 1-minute intervals each time. Your start time will be noted on your time card by the marshal.

Principle

During a 'closed road stage', you are presented with a (slalom) course that you must cover within an imposed 'target time' (bogey time). The course will be presented by means of a sketch in the road book. The finish of a 'closed road stage' is a 'stop & go'. When the vehicle is completely stopped, your finish time will be timed. Any early arrival at the finish (compared to the target time) will not be penalised. So you will not have to wait at the finish line, should you reach the finish line earlier than the target time.

Reconnaissance

Reconnaissance of the course is not allowed. Checks will be carried out.

J. TIME CONTROL SECTIONS

Starting procedure

The start procedure of a 'time control section' is the same start procedure as a regularity stage with manned start. On arrival at the start of a 'time control section', you join the queue. There are no penalties for reporting too early or too late at a manned start of a 'closed road stage'. A marshal will start a competitor at 1-minute intervals each time. Your start time will be noted on your time card by the marshal. Route instructions

Route instructions

The route of a 'time control section' remains secret until 10 seconds before your individual start time of the respective time control section. The route instructions (tulips or map reading) of time control sections will be handed out at the start of the time control section (exactly 10 seconds before your individual start time of the time control section).

# TCS	EXPERT	CLASSIC
TCS 1	tulips + clock notes	tulips (with / without distances)
TCS 2	tulips + clock notes	tulips (with / without distances)
TCS 3	tulips + clock notes	tulips (with / without distances)
TCS 4	tulips + clock notes	tulips (with / without distances)
TCS 5	map reading (arrows)	map reading (marked map)

Principle

During a time control section, you follow the route as indicated in the route instructions. One or more time controls will occur during a time control section. Clocking in too early or too late at these time controls will result in penalty points.

Example time card

TCS 2		UU	MM	SS
MANNED START	first car: 09h20			00
TCS	+ 3'			X
TC 2.1	+ 3'			X
TC 2.2	+ 3'			X
TC 2.3	+ 3'			X

K. REGULATIONS ART. 3.05 – ART. 6.07

Reminder regulations art. 3.05

The use or presence of electronic navigation is not allowed in Expert-category. The use or presence of electronic navigation is allowed in Classic-category. Non-compliance with this clause will be penalized (see art. 9.02). The use of a compass (non GPS-based) is permitted.

Reminder regulations art. 6.07

Exploring the route or parts of the route is not permitted under penalty of exclusion. Receiving route information from outside is not allowed under penalty of exclusion. The exchange of route information between two teams (whether or not) of a different category is not allowed under penalty of exclusion of both (or all) teams involved.

- CHECKS WILL CARRIED OUT. EVERY MARSHAL, EVERY OFFICIAL AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE AS PROPOSED IN THE REGULATIONS ART. 1.02 ARE APPOINTED AS JUDGE OF FACTS.

L. EARLY CHECK-IN

Early check in is allowed at:

- TC 1C
- TC 2C
- TC 3C

A detailed timing of all time controls, regularity tests, distances & driving times can be found on the online notice board. The driving times stated on the time card are the correct ones.

M. COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICER – INQUIRY PHONE

The inquiry form as mentioned in the regulations art 8.11 will be replaced by the inquiry phone.

You can reach the competitor relations officer by phone at 0032 (0)468 29 01 04. Any question/protest can be asked using the inquiry phone - preferably via Whatsapp - mentioning your starting number and a clear description of the problem. The result of your question/protest will be answered.

The inquiry phone line is open on Friday 15 September from 16h00 to 01h00 on Saturday 16 September and from 07h00 to 21h00 on Saturday.

A question or protest can be made up to 30 minutes after your personal finish time of the section concerned.

N. ALTERNATIVE ROADBOOK - DETOURS

During regularity stages and/or time control sections

For each regularity stage or time control section, there will be an alternative route available in case of unplanned obstructions. This alternative route will bring you back to the original route. In case of a detour, the previous manned control will inform you about the use of the alternative route using following message:



The alternative routes can be found at the end of each roadbook. The alternative route instructions will be presented using tulips (with distances).

Other detours

When there are unplanned detours in a non-regularity section, the detour will be indicated by the use of (yellow) arrows. An arrow with his point pointing downwards indicates the end of a detour. When a detour is too long, the organization will adapt the target time.



turn left



turn right






straight on



end of detour
(inclusive road position)

O. SPEED CHECKS

The GPS tracking system will observe the speed in each 'RADAR ZONE' clearly indicated in the roadbook using this sign:

START RADAR SPEED ZONE	RADAR SPEED ZONE	END RADAR SPEED ZONE
START 		END 

Penalties:

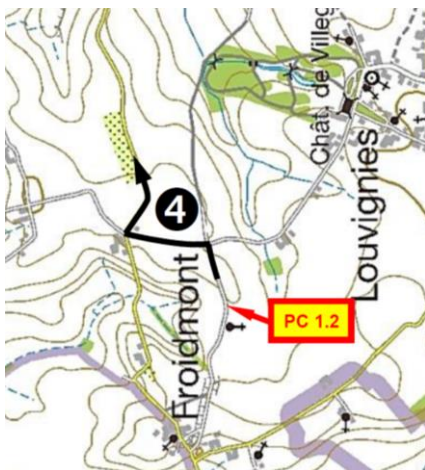
+ 1 km/h	tolerance
+ 2 km/h	
+ 3 km/h	
+ 4 km/h	
+ 5 km/h	
+ 6 km/h	0'30" penalty
+ 7 km/h	1'00" penalty
+ 8 km/h	1'30" penalty
+ 9 km/h	2'00" penalty
+ 10 km/h	2'30" penalty
> 10 km/h 1 ^{ste} infringement	2'30" penalty + warning
> 10 km/h 2 ^{de} infringement	excluded

When there is a 'GEODYNAMICS RADAR ZONE' during a regularity stage, the distance between the end of the speed control zone and the following timing point will be at least 500 meter. During a radar-zone, the average speed will be at least equal to the maximum speed. **In each radar-zone, the maximum speed mentioned in the roadbook is mandatory, even if you have any lateness during a regularity stage. A radar-zone cannot be used to catch up some time.**

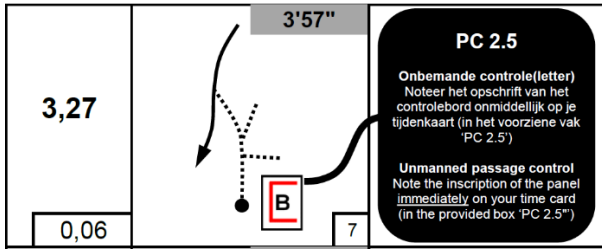
P. UNMANNED PASSAGE CONTROLS (CODE BOARDS)

Unmanned passage controls can be placed during the event. **Each unmanned passage control will be indicated in the roadbook.** Unmanned passage controls must be written down on the time card ('passage control boxes' will be available on the time card). An example of an unmanned passage control will be available during the administrative checks.

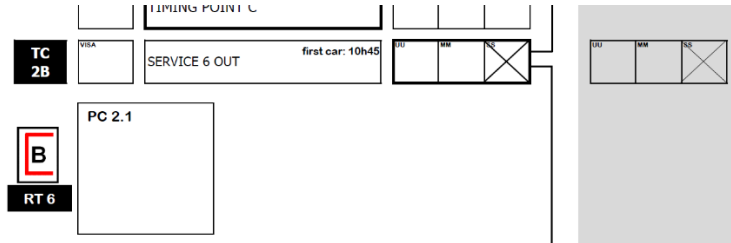
Example passage control in roadbook **during map reading:**



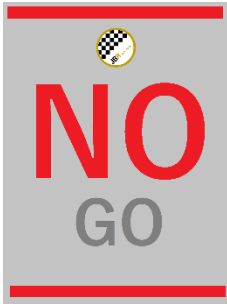
Example passage control in roadbook **during tulips:**



Example timecard – the inscription of an unmanned passage control must be noted immediately on your time card (in the provided box):



Q. NO GO ZONES



Along the route, you may pass a sign that reads "NO GO". When you see this sign, you are not on the correct route and you must turn back immediately. The "NO GO" sign ensures that 'wrong-way drivers' do not enter a village centre or other busy areas. In this way, we avoid inconveniencing local residents and guarantee the future of our events. A "NO GO" sign is therefore not placed on the wrong route at every navigation difficulty, but only when circumstances require it.

R. TOW CAR

Contact details of towing service firms are provided in the road book. These firms have no link with the organisation. The contact details are informative, in case you are unable to provide breakdown assistance yourself to tow your vehicle after a breakdown.

S. SERVICE ROADBOOK

The service roadbook (for registered service crews) contains 11 service zones & 3 refuelling zones. The estimated duration of each service zone can be found in the service roadbook. Some service zones are 'fly-by' zones. The duration of a 'fly-by' zone is barely 2 minutes. These zones can be used in case of an emergency repair or to provide the crew with food & drinks.

T. CATERING

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

To support the local catering outlets, the BWC-BAR will not be open on Friday evening. Several catering outlets around the parc fermé will be open and there will be a foodtruck between 17h00 & 20h00.

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

NOON: lunch (upon reservation during entry request) drinks included

EVENING: from 18h00 till 20h30 BWC BAR (free entrance at finish / car park)

from 19h00 till 21h00 BWC DINER (upon reservation during entry request)

U. FINISH / OLDTIMER VILLAGE

The finish will be located at following location:

*Grote Markt
9600 RONSE*

After checking in at the final time control of the competition, the vehicles will be parked on the Market Square in Ronse. Setting up your vehicle on the Grote Markt is compulsory if you are participating the closing dinner or wish to visit the rally bar at the HQ location. It is not allowed to park your vehicle on other locations in the town centre of Ronse. If you are going home after the final time control, you can leave the Grote Markt immediately.

All competitor vehicles must be removed from the Grote Markt before Saturday, 16 September 23:30. Any costs associated with the towing of your vehicle will be borne by the participant.

V. TRACKING SYSTEM

INSTALLATION	during scrutineering
RETURN	at finish (final time control)
RETURN AFTER RETIREMENT	by appointment
CHARGING	the vehicle should not be equipped with power supply for the tracking system. However, when checking in at TC 1C (end of leg 1), the tracking system should be handed in by the navigator at the time control. During the night from Friday to Saturday, your tracking system will be charged. At TC 2A (start leg 2), a marshal will refit your tracking system.

W. RESULTS

Results are available on our result website <http://results.belgianwesthoekclassic.be>. These results are unofficial.

We remain true to our authentic regularity concept with 100% manned regularity stages, but your time card will be 'read' at some time controls along the way during the rally. This will allow us, despite the authenticity of the event, to provide you with a new ranking update on average every 4 regularity stages!

X. ONLINE NOTICE BOARD

Download the smartphone application 'Sportity' and receive notifications of every publication on the online notice board.



<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/sportity/id1344934434>



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sportity.app>



To access the application, please use the password 'BWC'

A printed version of the last minute information will **not** be issued during the administrative checks.