



## 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. PRE EVENT CHECKS – **STEP 1** *EVENT WELCOME CENTER - DOCUMENTATION*

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 will be provided.** Following the imposed check-in time will help reduces the queues. The “Event Welcome Center” can be visit by 1 team member or a delegate of the team.

#### Parking

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 in the Event Welcome Center.

#### PARKING EVENT WELCOME CENTER



During your visit at the “Event Welcome Center”, you will receive:

- Doornumbers
- Rally plates
- Food voucher
- Time cards section 1, section 2 and section 3
- Service roadbook (only for registered service crews)

**The Event Welcome Center closes at 17h30.**

## **B. PRE EVENT CHECKS – STEP 2**

### *SCRUTINEERING – CAR 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 17h50.**

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. PRE EVENT CHECKS – STEP 3**

### *LICENCE CHECK*

The following documents will be checked during the licence 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.

After successfully completing the licence checks, you will receive a “roadbook voucher”. Using this voucher, you can collect your roadbook (see art. H – roadbook & time tables).

**Licence check closes at 18h10.**

## **D. MAIN LOCATIONS**

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 using this link:

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1eqHY8YyxY7il\\_0KCcu4pmfCFglINFJiLW&usp=sharing](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1eqHY8YyxY7il_0KCcu4pmfCFglINFJiLW&usp=sharing)

## E. 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 run 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 Center.

## F. 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.

## G. STARTING ORDER

The event is divided in 2 legs:

- FRIDAY 03 OCTOBER                      LEG 1
- SATURDAY 04 OCTOBER                LEG 2

The starting order will be as follow:

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

The starting list will be available on our online notice board.

## H. ROADBOOKS & TIME TABLES

### LEG 1:

EXPERT:                                      you will receive roadbook & regularity time tables LEG 1 (Friday) at TC 1A (= start LEG 1)

CLASSIC:                                      crews can pick up the roadbook & regularity time tables using the “roadbook voucher” 1 hour before your starting time at TC 1A; the ‘roadbook collection point’ will be indicated on the “roadbook voucher”

### LEG 2:

EXPERT + CLASSIC:                      you will receive roadbook & regularity time tables LEG 2 (Saturday) at TC 2A = start LEG 2)

**A roadbook example, time table example and time card example is available on the official notice board.**

# I. REGULARITY STAGES

## Principle

During a regularity test, you follow the given time table as closely as possible. During a regularity test, 1 or more 'secret timing points' will be set up to check if you are following the time table. Each second lateness or early arrival will result in a penalty. The number of timing points per regularity stage remains secret this year.


*Example time table*

RT 2										
	0	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,4	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,8	0,9
0	00:00,0	00:08,0	00:16,0	00:24,0	00:32,0	00:40,0	00:48,0	00:56,0	01:04,0	01:12,0
1	01:20,0	01:28,0	01:36,0	01:44,0	01:52,0	02:00,0	02:08,0	02:16,0	02:24,0	02:32,0
2	02:40,0	02:48,0	02:56,0	03:04,0	03:12,0	03:20,0	03:28,0	03:36,0	03:44,0	03:52,0
3	04:00,0	04:09,0	04:18,0	04:27,0	04:36,0	04:45,0	04:54,0	05:03,0	05:12,0	05:21,0

The zones shaded in grey in a regularity time table are zones where there are no time recording points. **In these zones, you should -more than ever- respect speed limits, show normal driving behaviour and strictly observe the right of way rules.**

## Starting procedure

Each 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 'driving test'. A marshal will write down your starting time on your time card. A marshal will start a competitor at 1-minute intervals each time.

SS 19 advised start time = TC 3B + 31'				control closing time: 17h51			
<b>MANNED START</b>							
RT 12				00			
TP/A	UU	MM	SS	TP/B	UU	MM	SS

## End regularity stage

The number of timing points will not be indicated on the time card. When you have passed the last timing point of a regularity test, you will pass a sign 'END REGULARITY STAGE' just after this timing point. From this sign, you don't need to follow the timing table any further and continue the route at your own pace.

**END  
REGULARITY  
STAGE**

## MOST IMPORTANT PENALTIES

Each second lateness ..... 0'01" penalty / second

Each second too early ..... 0'02" penalty / second

# J. DRIVING TEST

## Principle

During a 'driving test', 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 diagram in the road book. **To allow you to study the driving test routes in advance, the routes will be published on the official notice board on Friday, October 3rd at 16h00.**

## Starting procedure

The start procedure of a 'driving test' is the same start procedure as a regularity stage. On arrival at the start of a 'driving test', you join the queue. There are no penalties for reporting too early or too late at a manned start of a 'driving test'. 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.

## Finish procedure

The finish of a 'driving test' 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.

### MOST IMPORTANT PENALTIES

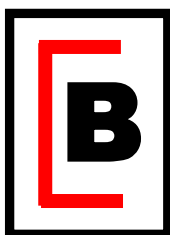
Each second lateness .....	0'00.1" penalty / second
Each second too early .....	no penalty
Touching a cone .....	0'05" penalty
No executing of a stop & go.....	0'15" penalty

## K. NAVIGATION TEST

### Principle / unmanned passage controls

During a 'navigation test', you follow the route as accurately as possible (map reading). During a 'navigation test' unmanned passage controls (code boards) can be placed. The location of the code boards controls will **NOT** be indicated in the roadbook. Code boards must be written down on the time card ('passage control boxes' will be available on the time card). An example of a code board will be available during the administrative checks. To complete a navigation test, you will be given a maximum time. There is a time control at the end of the navigation test. Checking in late at this time control results in penalty time. If you arrive too early at the end of the navigation test, you may check in too early without penalty.

Example code board (+/- 15cm x 30 cm):



### Starting procedure

The start procedure of a 'navigation test' is the same start procedure as a regularity stage. On arrival at the start of a 'navigation test', you join the queue. There are no penalties for reporting too early or too late at a manned start of a 'navigation test'. 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

The route instructions for the 'navigation test' remain secret and will only be issued 10 seconds before the start of the 'navigation test'.

### MOST IMPORTANT PENALTIES

Each minute lateness at the time control "end navigation test" .....	0'15" penalty / minute
Each minute too early at the time control "end navigation test" .....	no penalty
Missing a code board .....	0'15" penalty

## L. MAXIMUM LATENESS

To ensure the safety of the event, you are allowed to check in 20 minutes late at the time control at the end of a section without penalty. Therefore, if you lost time during a 'test' (regularity test, navigation test or driving test), you do not have to make up the lost time during the liaison sections.

## M. COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICER – 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 will be open on Friday 3 October from 4pm until the end of the inquiry deadline of LEG 1, SECTION 1 and from Saturday 8am until the inquiry deadline of LEG 2, SECTION 3b.

### **Inquiry deadlines:**

- LEG 1, SECTION 1	Friday 3 October	23 h 30
- LEG 2, SECTION 2	Saturday 4 October	15 h 00
- LEG 2, SECTION 3a (up to TC 3B)	Saturday 4 October	18 h 20
- LEG 2, SECTION 3b (after TC 3B)	Saturday 4 October	20 h 00
- FINAL RANKING	Saturday 4 October	publication time + 30'

## N. ALTERNATIVE ROADBOOK - DETOURS

### During regularity stages

For each regularity stage, 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 will be published on the official notice board (LEG 1 alternative routes will be published on Friday 16h00; LEG 2 alternative routes will be published on Saturday 08h00). The alternative route instructions will be presented using tulips (with distances).**

### Other detours

Other detours during liaisons or navigation tests will be indicated by the use of (yellow) arrows and/or a bulletin published on the official notice board. When a detour is too long, the organization will adapt the target time.



turn left



turn right



straight on



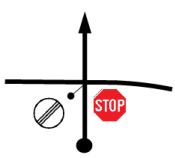


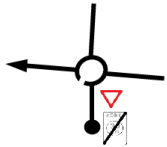

end of detour  
(inclusive road position)



## 0. SPEED CHECKS

The GPS tracking system will observe the speed in each 'RADAR ZONE' clearly indicated in the roadbook.

**Example 'radar zone' during tulips**

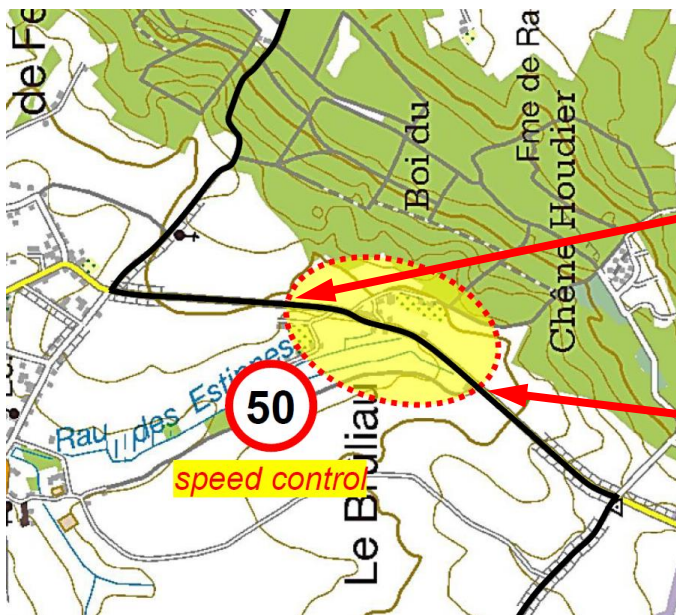
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10,16	0,73		<b>START</b>  speed control	10,29
10,53	0,37		<b>END</b>  speed control	9,32

**START RADAR ZONE**  
maximum 30 km/h

*To obtain better visibility of the 'radar zones', the distance columns (total distance, inter distance and degressive distance) are shaded in black*

**END RADAR ZONE**  
maximum 30 km/h

**Example 'radar zone' during map reading**



**START RADAR ZONE**  
maximum 50 km/h

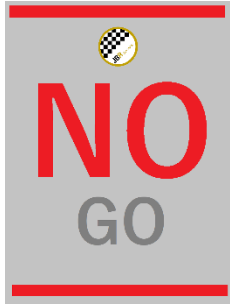
**END RADAR ZONE**  
maximum 50 km/h

### RADAR ZONES during regularity stages

When there is a 'GEODYNAMICS RADAR ZONE' during a regularity stage, there will be no timing points in the radar zone and the minimum distance between the end of the speed control zone and the following timing point will be 500 meter.

**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. 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.

## Q. 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.

## R. SERVICE ROADBOOK

The service roadbook (for registered service crews) contains 8 service zones & 3 refuelling zones. The estimated duration of each service zone can be found in the service roadbook & timing. Some service zones are 'fly-by' zones. The duration of a 'fly-by' zone is only 5 minutes. These zones can be used in case of an emergency repair or to provide the crew with food & drinks.

## S. CATERING - TOILETS

### CATERING FRIDAY 03 OCTOBER

Several catering outlets around the parc fermé will be open.

### CATERING SATURDAY 04 OCTOBER

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

EVENING:	from 18h00 till ...	BWC BAR (free entrance at finish / car park)
	from 18h30 till 21h30	BWC FOODTRUCK (upon reservation during entry request)

## T. FINISH

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. 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, 4 October 23:30. Any costs associated with the towing of your vehicle will be borne by the participant.



## U. TRACKING SYSTEM

The tracking system that will be installed in your vehicle during the technical inspection will only be used to monitor your speed in the 'radar zones'. For the timekeeping during the regularity stages, we remain faithful to our *authentic regularity* concept with 100% manned timing points.

**INSTALLATION** during scrutineering; the participant does not have to provide any specific facilities (e.g.: power supply)

**RETURN** at finish (final time control)

**RETURN AFTER RETIREMENT** by appointment using the inquiry phone

## V. RESULTS

Results are available on our result website <http://results.belgianwesthoekclassic.be> and on the online notice board. Despite the authenticity of the event, we will provide you with a new ranking update after every regularity stage, driving test, or navigation test! Results of a stage will be published after the final car (of your category) finished the stage.

## W. 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; this document is available on the online notice board.