



REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS PARTICIPANTS HEATHLAND GRAVEL 2026

Definitions

1. Organization:
The event will be organized by Flanders Classics and Life Time Events.
2. Event:
Heathland Gravel is a three day event with a course on unpaved and paved roads, for cyclists on gravel bikes, CX bikes or mountain bikes.
3. Participant:
This is any person who in any way, directly or indirectly, enters into an agreement with the Organization for his/her participation in the Event.
4. Registration fee:
The amount charged by the Organization to participate in the Event.

General

1. The conditions as described in these regulations apply to participation in all agreements (whether or not concluded through an intermediary), whereby the Organization directly or indirectly organizes an event.
2. By means of the registration, the Participant unconditionally agrees with the contents of these regulations.
3. Deviations from these conditions are only binding if and insofar as the Organization has explicitly agreed thereto in writing.
4. The general terms and conditions declared applicable by third parties are explicitly rejected.

Participation and registration

1. Participants voluntarily participate in the Event and entirely at their own risk.
2. Registration is only done in the manner and under the conditions stipulated in these regulations.
3. Online registration is only possible via www.heathlandgravel.com
4. Note: there is a limited number of tickets, in connection with permits. In this regard shall apply: sold out = sold out.
5. The registration fee will be collected immediately after registration and recovered via the website by means of iDeal, direct debit or credit card.
6. Participation in the Event is only possible if the full registration amount has been received by the Organization.
7. For the Events shall apply: Young people under the age of 18 are only allowed to participate if they hand over written permission from the parent/guardian to the Organization and are escorted on the track by an adult.
8. The participant shall place the start number, made available by the organization in the form of a sign, visibly on his/her bike.
9. Registration for the Event is personal. The start number and entry package is not transferable.
10. The Participant will not be medically inspected by the organization. The participant is aware that due to the sporting character of the event, heavy demands will be placed on his/her physical and psychological condition. The organization advises the participant to have a prior medical check-up performed; in case of doubt regarding health, it is advised not to participate.
11. The Participant declares that he/she is sufficiently healthy to participate in the Event.

Rules

1. Participants have respect for each other, nature and environment, and comply with the regulations.
2. The local (traffic) rules and traffic signs remain in full force during the tour and eventual time sections.
3. Participants are obliged to follow all instructions from the police and the Organization.
4. Participants are obliged to follow all extra instructions of land owners or owners of protected nature areas.
5. Participants are careful and do not take unnecessary risks.
6. Participants watch over their own safety and the safety of others.
7. Participants are not allowed to behave or dress in an offensive or dangerous manner.
8. During the Event, Participants are prohibited from possessing any objects in any way that could reasonably present a hazard or cause a serious degree of nuisance to other Participants.
9. Participants take extra care in blind bends, descents and are always ready to brake and always expect upcoming and trailing traffic.
10. Participants are not allowed to cut corners (always stay on your own side of the road).
11. Overtaking is only permitted if this does not interfere with other (traffic) participants.
12. Participants always cycle as far on the right side of the road as possible.
13. The participant and/or group that passes another Participant and/or group will take over on the left.
14. Participants keep a width distance of at least 1.5 meters when overtaking.
15. Participants must wait at a closed railway crossing.
16. The participant may not change course during the sprint to a finish and deviate from his line.
17. Participants do not form a platoon (being more than 12 Participants).
18. For group formation of more than 12 Participants, a distance must be created of at least 25 meters between the groups.
19. Cycling with more than two riders next to each other or cycling in a fan shape is not permitted.
20. Support cars (cars of escorts or fans of participants) do not drive on the bicycle routes.
21. Participants are forbidden to 'stay' behind cars or other motorized traffic.
22. Participants are themselves responsible for taking the decision during the Event to terminate participation.
23. The Organization may decide to set time limits and, if the time limit is not met, remove the Participants from the event. Organization can also withdraw participants from the event for other reasons, and place them in the broom wagon or support vehicle.
24. Participant takes a seat in a broom wagon after prematurely ending a stretch.
25. Participant is aware of the traffic situation and will look for a suitable place to solve any problems, such as a flat tire or pulling out a raincoat. Preferably in a parking lot or at the far right of the road in the roadside.
26. Participants may not discard waste on and around the route.

Disqualification

1. A Participant may be disqualified from participating in the Event if:
 - the Participant has not (fully) paid the registration fee;
 - part is taken in the Event without (a correct) start number;
 - the Participant does not comply with the rules laid down in these regulations;
 - the Participant, in the opinion of the Organization, violates a rule;
 - the Participant, in the opinion of the Organization, behaves improperly;
 - the Participant, in the opinion of the Organization, violates (traffic) rules;
 - the Participant, in the opinion of the Organization, violates extra rules set by land owners;
 - the Participant, in the opinion of the Organization, does not follow instructions from the police, Organization or medical staff;
 - the Participant, in the opinion of the Organization, has medical problems.
2. The Participant or any interested party may, upon a decision of the Organization, the medical staff or the police, as referred to in the previous paragraph of this article, can not claim any compensation or reimbursement of the Registration Fee.

Jury

If and when the organization decides to have timed sections on event the following applies:

Organization has put together a jury consisting of three members.

- Race leader (jury chairman)
- Head of organization
- Timekeeper

1. Jury decides on violations of rules laid down in these regulations and assesses protests as a result of the competition.
2. Protests can be submitted to the jury by the motor support team and Participants.
3. Complaints can be made by anyone, provided there is a connection with the event. Think of volunteers, supporters, etc.
4. Protests must be submitted no later than 1 hour after closing of the official finish time.
5. The jury always deliberates in the absence of the participant concerned and behind closed doors.
6. Decisions of the jury are binding, there is no appeal against a decision of the jury.

The route

1. The route is not exclusively accessible to the Participants of the Event. Participants should therefore take into account other traffic.
2. The participant follows the route on the basis of the specified GPS tracks.
3. The participant is not allowed to deviate from specified GPS track.
4. Each participant is responsible for its own GPS (cycling computer), which is available during the event.
5. Participants must familiarize themselves with the route beforehand and are expected to be familiar with the route at the start.
6. Participants must notify the Organization in case they are unexpectedly lost.
7. Participants can not hold the Organization responsible for the fact that they are lost.
8. The Organization may decide to adjust or shorten the route, or cancel the trip entirely if the (safety) situation, in the opinion of the Organization, makes this necessary.
9. The Organization also reserves the right to change start and/or finish times and/or - places.
10. Participants or any interested parties will not be able to claim compensation or reimbursement of the Enrollment Fee upon a decision by the Organization as referred to in the previous two paragraphs of this article.

Food and drinks on the way

1. The participant is responsible for his own food and drinks during the stretches.
2. The Organization makes food and drinks available on aid stations, as long as supplies last. The Organization does not guarantee the presence of food and drinks at the aid station.
3. Aid stations are never placed within a challenge (timed section if applicable).
4. The participant is obliged to dispose of his own waste in a proper manner.

Preparation

1. Participants themselves ensure an adequate preparation and sufficient physical fitness to be able to participate in the Event. In case of doubt, the organization advises that the participant be coached by an expert trainer during the preparation.
2. The Organization is not liable for bodily injury, incurred during or in preparation of the Event, either due to insufficient preparation of the Participant or the physical health of the Participant.

Equipment

1. Participants carry a valid proof of identity during the Event.
2. Participants themselves ensure proper clothing, equipment and footwear for every type of weather.
3. Participants always wear a helmet.
4. Participants wear a reflective vest or reflective strips and lighting in low visibility (fog) and bad weather (rain).
5. In stretches with tunnels and galleries, lighting (front and rear) is mandatory.
6. Only gravel bikes, CX-bikes and mountain bikes are allowed during the Event. E-bikes are not allowed.
7. The materials used by the Participants to participate in the tour must comply with the statutory requirements and may not pose a danger to the (co-) participants.
8. In the event of problems with the Equipment, the Participants must be able to carry out the basic repairs themselves.
9. The Organization reserves the right to prohibit certain bicycles or bicycle parts. Currently this consists of, and are forbidden:
 - Ox head, spaghetti, attachment, triathlon- or aero steering wheel
 - Recumbent bicycle
 - Unicycle
 - Handbike
 - E-bikes
 - Multi-track vehicles
 - Fixed wheels and fixed gear bicycles
 - Tandem
 - Luggage carriers with or without bicycle bag(s)
 - Bike trailer
 - Bottle cage behind or under the saddle
 - Water bottles of non-flexible materials such as glass, aluminum, etc.

Medical care

1. The Organization of the Event ensures that medical support is available. The medical support provides first aid in the event of accidents. This includes the provision of so-called first aid or the application of emergency interventions.
2. If a Participant incurs physical injury, this shall always be reported to the Organization.
3. A Participant may never stay alone on the route. If someone cannot continue because of, for example, injury or exhaustion, a co-participant is obliged to request assistance from the medical post and stay with the victim. The victim may not be moved without permission from the assistance when it comes to serious injuries.

Ticket Price, Cancellation / Refund

1. Ticket Prices (incl 6% VAT):

	Wave 1 (27/11 – 31/12)	Wave 2 (01/01 – 07/06)	Wave 3 (08/06 – 26/07)	Wave 4 (27/07 - 09/08)
160 km	€ 79,95	€ 89,95	€ 99,95	€ 104,95
110 km	/	€ 54,95	€ 59,95	€ 64,95
70 km	/	€ 44,95	€ 49,95	€ 54,95

2. A service fee of € 1,95 will be charged per ticket.
3. If a Participant decides, for whatever reason, to no longer participate before the start of the Event, total or partial reimbursement of the registration fee is not possible.
4. If a Participant decides, for whatever reason, to no longer participate during the event, compensation of any other costs incurred shall not be possible.
5. If the Event is cancelled due to force majeure, the Organization will not be responsible for the costs incurred by the Participants, including the Registration Fee.
6. If the Event is postponed to the alternative date due to force majeure, the Organization will not be responsible for the costs incurred by the Participants, including the Registration Fee, if the Participant decides not to participate in the postponed event.

Transportation

1. Participants are responsible for transportation to and from the start and finish location.
2. This also applies to any visitors and Participants who opt out early.

Insurance

1. Participants are obliged to take out liability insurance and travel insurance themselves that provide adequate coverage for participation in this Event. The participants are reminded that the standard coverage is in most cases inadequate and therefore additional insurance needs to be taken out.
2. If Participants fail to take out adequate insurance this comes at their own risk, the Organization cannot be held liable.
3. The Organization has taken out accident coverage for all participants. This coverage is only valid during the event and not before or after.
4. The organization strongly recommends a cancellation insurance with sports injury coverage.

Liability and indemnification Organization

1. Participants are aware that participation in this Event may involve risks and dangers. These are, but not limited to: bodily injuries such as but not limited to injury to the face, body and limbs, mental injuries, permanent handicaps, or being unable to continue to practice a profession.
2. Participants are aware of the risks and dangers, also due to negligence, carelessness or inexperience of other Participants.
3. Participation takes place entirely at one's own account and risk.
4. The Organization shall only liable for damage suffered by a Participant if that damage is the direct and exclusive consequence of intent or gross negligence on the part of the Organization, with the provision that only that damage for which the Organization is insured shall be eligible for reimbursement and insofar as this damage is covered by the relevant Insurance.
5. The Organization shall not be liable for damage caused by the use of promotional and communication materials supplied (such as stickers, posters, flyers, etc.) by Participant. The use of stickers on the bicycle is the full risk and responsibility of the Participant. The organization shall not be liable for any (lacquer) damage due to the use of promotional materials.
6. The liability of the Organization is in any case (but not limited to) excluded for:
 - damage as a result of actions by third parties, including third parties engaged by the Organization such as suppliers, care providers, tenants/lessees of parts of the route and the persons engaged by these third parties;
 - damage as a result of non-compliance by the Participant with instructions given by officers engaged by the Organization and of non-compliance with general public order standards, the rules of the game, safety and decency;
 - damage as a result of loss, damage or theft of goods belonging to the Participant and brought to the Event;
 - (consequential) damage as a result of changes in the start and finish times of the Event;
 - damage caused in any way by other Participants of the Event;
 - damage, incurred directly or indirectly to whom or whatever, as a direct or indirect consequence of any defect or any capacity or circumstance to, in or on any movable or immovable property of which the Organization is holder, (lease) holder, tenant or owner or which is otherwise at the disposal of the Organization;
 - consequential damage and indirect (business) damage on the part of a Participant.
7. The Organization shall never be liable for damage suffered by a Participant as a result of force majeure on the part of the Organization. Force majeure also means any circumstance independent of the will of the Organization, even if it was already foreseeable as a possibility at the time of the conclusion of the agreement between the Organization and the Participant, which prevents the fulfilment of the agreement temporarily or permanently and to the extent not already included therein, war, war violence, civil war, uproar, riots, terror and terror threat, police and/or fire service, strike, transport difficulties, fire, and other serious disruptions in the Organization and/or on the route, weather conditions and for whatever reason non-functioning public transportation as well as the circumstance that an Event, due to the fact that the necessary permits for the Event have not been granted or have been withdrawn, cannot take place or must be cancelled pursuant to an order from the competent authority given for that purpose.

Privacy

1. Participants agree with the possible use of his/her image in printed matter, on the internet, photo, film, video etc. for promotional purposes of the Event or other Events organized by Flanders Classics without claiming any compensation.
2. In the following years, these recordings may be used by the Organization to promote Events. If a Participant objects thereto, he or she must indicate this before the start of the Event.
3. Participants agree to the sharing of personal data by Organization with partners of the Event for relevant e-mailings and information provision. The participant can at any time unsubscribe from the e-mail messages and information provision by sending an unsubscribe message to info@heathlandgravel.com.

Information provision

1. All Participants are provided with information by means of e-mails and the website of Heathland Gravel.
2. Participants themselves are responsible for receiving this information (using the correct e-mail address and reading the newsletters.)

House style

1. Participants may use the house style (logo, advertisements, basic text, etc.) of the event for promotion and PR. It is not allowed to use the house style for other purposes, nor to make any adjustments and changes. In case of doubt, Participants should contact the Organization.

Applicable law

1. Only Belgian law applies to the relationship between the Participants and the Organization.
2. Disputes will only be submitted to a competent court in Belgium, regardless of where the Event is held.
3. In cases not provided for in these regulations, the Organization shall decide.

Agreement

The participant acknowledges having taken note of these regulations and having fully accepted them. By checking the rules paragraph on the online registration form, the participant agrees to the applicable regulations for Heathland Gravel. The agreement is confirmed by online sending of the registration form.

Qualification

1. Participants who want to have a chance to qualify for Unbound Gravel 2027, have to take part in the longest distance of Heathland Gravel (160 km), and need a valid UCI or day license.
2. The Organization distributes 50% of the coins on the basis of performance on the course, depending on times on the timed segments. The other 50% will be allocated at random. In other words, anyone who participates in the qualifier distance, and who has a valid UCI or day license, has a chance to secure a coin for Kansas.
3. The Participant still have to buy their ticket, even after winning a coin at Heathland Gravel. A coin gives the Participant the opportunity of buying a ticket directly and thus skipping the random selection that is set up for Unbound Gravel participation due to the high popularity of the event.
4. Registration for Unbound Gravel 2027, thus the exchange of a won coin at Heathland Gravel 2026, must be completed and paid for during the designated time offered.
5. Participants can secure their coin by performance or by lottery:
 - a. Performance: 50% of the coins will be distributed based on performance in the qualifying event (160 km):
 - Coins will be distributed to each gender and age group (20-29, 30-39, etc.) based on the percentage of total athletes in those age groups, with a minimum of one coin for every age group.
 - The Organization reserves the right to change and merge groups depending on the amount of participants. This will also affect the amount of coins per group.
 - The top athletes in each age group will receive the allocated coins.
 - In the event that a top athlete elects not to accept a coin, the coin will roll down to the next athlete in the results within the age group.
 - In the event that coins are not claimed after the rolldown in each age group, those coins will be allocated to the Event Lottery, as described below.
 - b. Lottery: 50% of the coins will be distributed through the Event Lottery:
 - Finishers of the 160-km distance will be eligible to win an Unbound 2027 coin in the Event Lottery.
 - All finishers under the predetermined maximum finish time who have indicated their desire to participate in the lottery, and who has a valid UCI or day license, will be entered in the lottery.
 - Names will be drawn from the eligible lottery athletes and coins will be given out.
 - In the event that an athlete opts not to accept a coin, the coin will roll down to the next athlete that is drawn until ALL coins have been distributed.

Indemnification clause

By registering for the "Heathland Gravel" event, you agree to the indemnification below and you declare that you are familiar with and agree to the following:

Every participant of the "Heathland Gravel" event agrees to abide by the terms and conditions and regulations applied by the organisers at the respective event.

The participant is aware of the fact that participation in the "Heathland Gravel" event entails the risk of property damage and personal injury, including consequential damage and/or injury, both for the participant and for third parties. The participant expressly assumes these risks for his or her own account. The organisers accept no liability for any damage whatsoever, regardless of the nature of such damage and how such damage has arisen, which a participant suffers in connection with participation in the "Heathland Gravel" event or which a participant causes to third parties or other participants. The participant declares that he or she shall not deem or hold the organisation liable and that he or she shall indemnify the organisation for any damage, whether material or immaterial, including personal injury, suffered by him or her.