



ART. 1 ORGANISOR

The road race, “**De 44e SPIE INTERNATIONALE JUNIOREN DRIEDAAGSE**”, will be organized by the “Stichting Internationale Junioren Driedaagse van Axel” and will be organized under the rules of the U.C.I. This foundation is holder of the race license and possesses the required permits / licenses and exemptions of the authorities. The licenses, permits and dispensations can be inspected at the secretary of the organization. The race will take place on Friday May 22, Saturday May 23 and Sunday May 24 2026.

ART. 2 RACE CATEGORY

This race is only for riders belonging to the category “Men Juniors”. All riders must be born in **2008 or 2009**. The race is a road race, category U.C.I. “Men Juniors 2.1”.

ART. 3 PARTICIPATION

This race is open to National-, Regional-, Club & Mixed Teams. A participating team must consist of a minimum of FOUR and a maximum of FIVE riders belonging to the category MEN JUNIORS.

ART. 4 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The stage schedule is as follows:

• 1st stage	AXEL - AXEL	RIDE IN LINE	101,7 KM
• 2nd stage	WESTDORPE-WESTDORPE	INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL	12,4 KM
• 3rd stage	SLUISKIL - SLUISKIL	RIDE IN LINE	85,7 KM
• 4th stage	VELZEKE - VELZEKE	RIDE IN LINE	105,0 KM

ART. 5 RACE HEADQUARTER

On Friday the Race Headquarter, “RHC”, is located in **Cultureel Centrum “De Halle”, Rooseveltlaan 1A in Axel**. The building is open on Friday May 22 2026 from 10.00 am to 10.00 pm. The team managers meeting will take place, in the presence of the panel of commissioners, on Friday May 22 2026 at 02.30 pm in **Cultureel Centrum “De Halle”, Rooseveltlaan 1A in Axel**. Prior to this meeting the team managers have to register their riders between 12.15 pm and 02.15 pm. The commissioners meeting will take place on Friday May 22 2026 at 03.00 pm in **Cultureel Centrum “De Halle”, Rooseveltlaan 1A in Axel**. After the 1st stage and after the 2nd stage on Saturday May 23 2026 the “RHC” is located in **Cultureel Centrum “De Halle”, Rooseveltlaan 1A in Axel**. Before the start of the 2nd stage Westdorpe-Westdorpe, the permanence is located at **Gebr. Van Duijn, Smitsschorreweg 7, Westdorpe**. On Saturday afternoon before the start of the 3rd stage the permanence is located in “**t Meulengat**”, **St. Elisabethlaan 49, 4541 GS Sluiskil**. After the third stage the “RHC” is located at “**t Meulengat**, **St. Elisabethlaan 49, 4541 GS Sluiskil**. On Sunday May 24 2026 the “RHC” is located in “**Parochiaal Centrum**”, **Sint-Martinusplein 1, Velzeke (Zottegem)**.

ART. 6 BACK NUMBERS

The back numbers and frame plates have to be picked up at the “RHC” on Friday May 22 between 12.15 pm and 02.15 pm in **Cultureel Centrum “De Halle”, Rooseveltlaan 1A in Axel** by the team manager. The licenses of the team manager, mechanics and riders must be shown. The licences should be valid for **2026**.

The numbers and frame plates are only issued to the team manager when all valid licences of the participating riders at the “Stichting Internationale Junioren Driedaagse van Axel” are provided. When the team manager provides only a part of the required licenses (with a minimum of 4) the numbers and frame plates will be issued for these riders. At less then 4 licenses the numbers and frame plates are not issued.

The numbers are worn as they are issued by the organisation, without being in any way cut up, resized or otherwise modified. The numbers must be worn visibly with the maximum exposure for the sponsor.

The numbers and frame plates have **NOT** to be returned to the organization after the race. The team manager must also provide the **IBAN bank account number**, so that the organization can transfer the prize money won afterwards.

ART. 7 TRANSPONDERS

The riders are obliged to use transponders. For international races the transponders are made available by the Dutch Cycling Union and all teams must confirm this. The Dutch teams also receive this; the personal transponders must be removed. **You must hand in the transponders immediately after the 4th stage in “Parochiaal Centrum”, Sint-Martinusplein 1 Velzeke (Zottegem). Here you will also receive the licenses back.**

**ART. 8 COMMUNICATION WITH THE RIDERS**

During the road races, it is forbidden, according to the U.C.I. regulations (article 2.2.024), to exchange information with the riders by means of radio connections and other technical means. The riders will be informed of (possible) time differences in the race by the blackboard men appointed by the organization.

ART. 9 RADIO TOUR

Radio Tour will broadcast on the frequency 155.9375.

ART. 10 ASSISTANCE SERVICE NEUTRAL CARS

There will be two neutral service cars and one neutral motorbike Shimano in the race.

ART. 11 TIME LIMITS

All riders who finish the race with a greater deficit than permitted by the regulations (**12% of the winning time in a Stage and 33% in the Time Trial**) will no longer be eligible for the classification. The commissaires' panel may, in exceptional circumstances and in consultation with the organisation, deviate from this. In accordance with article 2.6.027 of the UCI regulations, the 3 km rule applies.

ART. 12 STARTING ORDER INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL

The starting order in the 2nd stage (individual time trial Westdorpe-Westdorpe) is determined by the organization in consultation with the jury president of the U.C.I. The starts will be taken in so called "blocks", where each block contains one rider of each team. The last starting block contains all the best classified riders of each team, in reversed sequence of their position in the General Individual Classification after the first stage. This results in the leader of the General Individual Classification will start as last rider. This block declares the starting sequence of the riders of each team in all blocks, so the team sequence remains consistent throughout all blocks. In the preceding block all second best riders of each team will start, and so on. The riders starts with a time interval of one minute. A Time Trial Bike is allowed.

Before the individual time trial, all teams are offered the opportunity for a Pre-Check of the time trial bike (this is also already possible on Friday afternoon from 03.30 pm at permanence Cultureel Centrum "De Halle"); for the determination of the length category, the overview registered with the UCI is used. After registration of riders, each team will receive the registered UCI list. Before each start, the bike must be presented for inspection.

ART. 13 BONUSES

In the stages 1, 3 and 4 there are held ONE ($\frac{1}{2}$ stage) or TWO (1/1 stage) BONISPRIJST(S). At the end of each RIDE IN LINE there are BONUS SECONDS granted. These BONUS SECONDS will be included in the General Individual Classification.

Bonus Bonisprint:

1st place: 3 seconds;
2nd place: 2 seconds;
3rd place: 1 second;

Bonus Finish stage:

1st place: 10 seconds;
2nd place: 6 seconds;
3rd place: 4 seconds;

Bonus Finish $\frac{1}{2}$ stage:

1st place: 6 seconds
2nd place: 4 seconds
3rd place: 2 seconds

ART. 14 PRIZES

The total amount of prize money for this race is € 4.287,00.

The "Stichting Internationale Juniorendriedaagse van Axel" provides for payment to the holder teams. No prizes will be awarded to individual riders, except all the trophies that are given during the ceremony after the race.

ART. 15 ANTI-DOPING

This control is according the U.C.I. Anti Doping Control. It will be performed by the Dutch Doping Authority. The locations of the anti-doping will also be indicated by nameplates.

The places of the control are:

- Friday: Cultureel Centrum "De Halle", Rooseveltlaan 1A, Axel
- Saturday: "t Meulengat", St. Elisabethlaan 49, 4541 GS Sluiskil
- Sunday: "Parochiaal Centrum", Sint-Martinusplein 1, Velzeke (Zottegem)



ART. 16 SIGNING OF THE ATTENDANCE AND TEAM PRESENTATION

Before the start of each ride in line the participants list must be signed by the riders themselves.

On Friday May 22 before the start of the first stage there will be a team-presentation on the podium near Mia's Restaurant & Lounge, Kaalkade 3 at Axel. This presentation starts at 4.00 pm.

ART. 17 PARTICIPATION LISTS

The final list of participants will be available after the team managers meeting at the organisations desk in the "RHQ", Cultureel Centrum "De Halle", Rooseveltlaan 1A in Axel.

ART. 18 PODIUMS

According to the U.C.I. regulations the following riders are requested for the podium ceremony, within **10 minutes** after the finish of the race:

- The numbers 1, 2 en 3 of the stage.
- The leader of the General Individual Classification. (Yellow Jersey)
- The leader of the General Individual Points Classification. (Green Jersey)
- The leader of the General Individual Sprint Classification . (Red Jersey)
- The leader of the General Individual Young Rider Classification. (White Jersey)
- The leader of the General Individual Cobblestones Classification. (Grey Jersey)
- The leader of the General Individual Combination Classification. (Blue Jersey)
- The leader of the General Individual Mountain Classification. (Red Polka Dot Jersey)

If a rider is leader in more than one classification, the leader's jersey worn in the next stage by the next placed rider. However, if this rider must wear his world or national champion's jersey of a UCI cup circuit, series, or classification, he shall wear that jersey. Then the next placed rider waering the leader's jersey.

In determining the various classifications the following order will be observed:

1. Yellow Jersey – 2. Green Jersey – 3. White Jersey – 4. Red Jersey – 5. Grey Jersey – 6. Blue Jersey – 7. Red Polka Dot Jersey.

ART. 19 FINES

The fine system of the most recent U.C.I. regulations applies at all times, which each participant is supposed to have taken knowledge.

ART. 20A RACE CONVOY AND TRAFFICE RULES OF CONDUCTRACE

All participants and officials in the race convoy must comply with the applicable traffic rules. They must, as far as possible, ride on the right side of the road. The instructions of the accompanying police, jury, marshals, race officials or organization should strictly be followed. For infringement follows immediate exclusion from further participation in the race. All cars are also equipped with KNWU strips, such as jury, service, organization, press, etc. Cars or motorcycles that do not show the organisation- and /or KNWU strips, will be removed out of the race. Immediately behind the riders is the car of the President of the U.C.I., the car of the race doctor and a neutral service car; then follow the cars of the team managers in order of car number.

The BROOM WAGON (last car of the race convoy) is indicated by a GREEN FLAG.

ART. 20B CHANGE TO FOLLOWERS CONVOY BELGIUM

ON ORDER BY BELGIAN CYCLING, THE FOLLOWERS CONVOY FOR THE 4TH STAGE STRIJPEN - STRIJPE IN BELGIUM MUST BE REDUCED TO 25 FOLLOWERS.

THIS MEANS:

The first 15 teams in the convoy order after the 3rd stage will get their own number. Number 16 must combine with 26. 17 with 27. 18 with 28. 19 with 29. 20 with 30. 21 with 31. 22 with 32. 23 with 33. 24 with 34 and 25 with 35. The highest ranked team of the combinations drives the team car. The organization reserves the right to deviate from this in special cases in consultation with the panel of commissioners.

This will be explained during the team managers meeting.

**ART. 21 RECOGNITION CARS**

All cars in the race convoy have an organization label and an organization number sticker. Cars and vehicles that are not authorized to drive in the race convoy, will immediately be removed out of the race. All cars following the race have dimmed lights during the whole race.

ART. 22 TRACK

On the official starting point (0 km), 30 km after the start and 25, 20, 10, 5, 4,3, 2 and 1 km before the finish, there will be clearly visible signs that indicate the remaining amount of kilometers. At 1 km before the finish there will also be a red triangle hanging above the road.

ART. 23 LITTER ZONE / FEEDING ZONE

In order to counter environmental pollution, there is arranged a waste zone in each stage. This litter zone is just before and just after the feeding zone. The riders can dispose of their waste here that immediately after the match is cleaned by the organization. Riders who dump their waste still outside the zone, risking a fine. This zone is marked by signs and are in the following locations:

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| - | 1st stage Axel - Axel | Buthstraat |
| - | 3rd stage Sluiskil - Sluiskil | Kanaalweg |
| - | 4th stage Velzeke - Velzeke | Breugelstraat |

ART. 24 TO BE COVERED TRACK AND SECURITY

The riders have to follow the official track of the race. They are expected to know the track of the race as such. The rider who did not follow the complete official track, will not be competing for any awarded prices. He will be excluded from the race, except when in his case a force fault is accepted by the officials. On dangerous points, persons with yellow flags will be posted. In addition, we also use BOPLAN's safety equipment. (barriers, bumpers and totems) The participants need to take extra caution on these points.

ART. 25 UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES

For cases in which the KNWU and /of the U.C.I. regulations do not foresee, the U.C.I. officials will decide on race-technical matters. The organisation will, together with the local police, decide on all other circumstances. The organization of the "Stichting Internationale Junioren Driedaagse van Axel" tour is not responsible for damage caused by falls or damage by other special circumstances of any kind, which happen before, during or immediately after the race. Each participant is further supposed to behave as normally as by a participant may be expected. Participants which misbehave can be excluded by the jury and/or organization of (further) participation in the race.

ART. 26 GDPR-GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

PLEASE NOTE! The organization will have photos and film footage taken during the event. If you object to this, you must notify the organization in advance in writing, stating your name, race number and team name.

