

Terms and conditions

The “Belgian Double Triathlon” is organised by iZURO BV and complies with the rules of the International Ultra Triathlon Association and the provisions of the general regulations.

The Double Ultra Triathlon Belgium in Haacht (BEL) will be organised taking full account of local circumstances, facilities and experience. The organisers have the firm intention to offer money prizes, but these will become available only within prevailing financial constraints.

1. SWIMMING CONDUCT

Departures will be allocated according to your official swim time as requested in the registration documents. We will aim to have contestants starting at the same time as others of an equivalent standard. We request the swimmers, even with departures based on similar swim times, overtaking within the last few metres may cause an obstruction to other contestants. Consequently, we ask that swimmers commence any overtaking manoeuvre in good time. No attempt should be made to overtake other swimmers within the last ten (10) meter. The swimming caps issued to contestants must be worn at all times during this stage. Wetsuits are mandatory, because hypothermia can still set in despite summer water temperature. Support crew members are permitted to distribute food and drink to contestants during the swimming stage, but only sitting in the designated kayak and/or kano and should not be a disturbance to where officials are recording contestants' lengths and times. Only the race officials shall decide when the swim stage is completed. The swim-to-bike (T1) transition stage may only take place in the dedicated bicycle path going north towards the sportscenter “Den Dijk”.

2. CYCLING CONDUCT

Escort vehicles are strictly forbidden on the cycle route. Companions/Crew members may only distribute food, drink, clothes and spare parts, as well as help with bike repairs, on the verge of the cycle route. Service and inspection vehicles belonging to the organisers will observe the race and try to help out with any breakdowns en route. Traffic rules must be respected at all times!

The cycle route is not fully lit at night. Contestants must ensure that they have a powerful enough bike light and appropriate clothing for night-time cycling. Contestants are fully responsible for the procurement of batteries and replacement bike lights. On Friday 15th and/or Saturday 16th of July 2022 after 9pm, or IF weather circumstances dictate otherwise which will be communicated by the organisers, cyclists will only be allowed to continue the race with their bike lights switched on. All contestants must mount a continuous, white light on the front of their bicycle. This may be battery-powered. Cyclists must, however, be able to replace spent batteries at any given time which can only be disposed of with their Companions/Crew members or at the specifically designated areas. A helmet-mounted light or flashing light alone is also allowed but **not** considered to be sufficient. ALL contestants must mount a continuous or flashing red light to the rear of their bicycle. It is highly recommended that contestants attach reflector strips to their bikes and clothing.

A safety helmet is obligatory at all times.

Race numbers must be clearly displayed on the back of the jersey enabling officials to register each contestant's times.

The cycling stage is an individual time trial without any team support. Drafting behind or near other contestants is not permitted. The minimum permissible distance between the rear wheel of the leading cyclist and the front wheel of the trailing cyclist is ten metres. Contestants must be, whenever possible, two (2) metres apart when cycling side by side. Overtaking manoeuvres must be completed within 30 seconds. The overtaken cyclist is responsible for re-establishing the required minimum distance between cyclists and may only then begin his/her own overtaking manoeuvre. Race marshals on (motor-)bikes will ensure that the rules of the cycling stage are respected at all times. Drafting is strictly forbidden and will result in a stop-and-go penalty.

The transfer of a timing chip to another contestant will lead to immediate disqualification.

Athletes can receive free massages and medical assistance at the competition centre ("Animation Village").

It falls to the contestant to inform officials when he/she has passed a checkpoint.

The cycling stage will officially end on for the:

- (1) "Double Triathlon" : Saturday July 16, 2022 at 20:00hr (i.e. 08:00 pm)
- (2) "Double Relay" : Sunday July 17, 2022 at 15:00hr (i.e. 03:00 pm)
- (3) "Sprint" : Saturday July 17, 2022 at 14:00hr (i.e. 02:00pm)
- (4) "Single Triathlon" : Sunday July 17, 2022 at 18:30hr (i.e. 06:30 pm)

The organisers reserve the right to take athletes out of the race after this time.

3. RUNNING CONDUCT

It is strictly forbidden to accompany athletes on the running route. Support crews may distribute food, drink and clothing in the designated pit stop areas.

The running stage route is not fully lit at night. Athletes must wear clothing appropriate for local weather conditions. Reflective clothing is strongly recommended

The organisers are entitled to inform contestants when they break the race rules and to sanction those contestants who do so with a time penalty. Contestants must wear their race numbers on their fronts, and these must be clearly visible at all times. Contestants may walk or run, but may not use other aids. Contestants must complete the race under their own steam.

The transfer of a timing chip to another contestant will lead to immediate disqualification.

It falls to the contestant to inform officials when he/she has passed a checkpoint.

If necessary, the medical team or competition management may intervene and take a contestant out of the race at any time.

ALL contestants are entitled to receive a massage and/or medical assistance from the paramedics at the competition centre ("Animation Village").

Contestants may interrupt the running stage of the race at any time, but must re-enter the race at the same point. Should a contestant interrupt a race for a longer period of time (more than 30 minutes), the competition management must be informed.

The same conditions apply if a contestant should wish to withdraw from the race. Failure to report to competition management will lead to immediate disqualification. Likewise, contestants must inform the competition management on restarting the race after a longer break.

4. IUTA RULES & REGULATIONS

The Contestants & Participants are required to read and thoroughly familiarise themselves with the IUTA-triathlon rules and route before the start of the race and request your “Signature for Agreement to these conditions. (See documents)

Any complaints or claims made in this regard will no longer be considered once the race has started. Any contestant who fails to familiarise himself/herself with the rules accepts full responsibility for any eventual disqualification. The competition stewards will make all decisions regarding breaches of the rules and the corresponding penalties. The stewards’ decisions are final and non-negotiable.

5. TRIATHLON RULES

The Contestants & Participants are required to read and thoroughly familiarise themselves with the triathlon rules and route before the start of the race and request your “Signature for Agreement to these conditions. (See documents)

Any complaints or claims made in this regard will no longer be considered once the race has started. Any contestant who fails to familiarise himself/herself with the rules accepts full responsibility for any eventual disqualification. The competition stewards will make all decisions regarding breaches of the rules and the corresponding penalties. The stewards’ decisions are final and non-negotiable.

6. EQUIPMENT STORAGE

Bike safety and storage: contestants and their support crews are solely responsible for the safety of their bikes and other equipment. The organisers accept no liability for the damage or loss of property incurred as a result of participation in the race.

7. OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Any contestant who fails to present either a medical certificate or a signed waiver form before the start of the race will not be allowed to compete.

8. MEDICAL CHECKS

Doping tests may be conducted without warning before and after the race. Contestants are fully responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient health insurance and accident cover before entry in the race.

9. LIABILITY

The organisers accept no liability for any accident, damages or theft that arise from participation in the competition.

10. ASSISTANCE

The athletes may be assisted by a maximum of one (=1) helper in the transition zone located at the SAS-TILDONK.

11. TIMING

Timing will be, exclusively, electronically handled by ULTRA-TIMING with race timing & results on his and “Belgian Double Triathlon” websites.

12. TIME LIMITS (per competition)

12.1 “IUTA” DOUBLE

The Athletes (Contestants & Participants) wishing to participate in said “IUTA-Belgian Double Triathlon”, agree to supply a signed document confirming/showing proof of their respective participation to at least one (1) IUTA-event and of their minimum age being at least twenty (20) years of age.

12.1.1 “IUTA” DOUBLE TIME LIMIT

This is set at thirty-two (32hrs) hours starting as of the start of the Swim section (SAS Tildonk)

12.2 “AMATEURS” DOUBLE

To be considered a so-called “amateur”, the Athletes (Contestants & Participants) wishing to participate in said “Belgian Double Triathlon” (starting together with the IUTA-International triathletes) agree to supply a signed document confirming **NOT** to have participated previously in any IUTA-multiple-triathlon event and of their minimum age being at least twenty (20) years of age. (IUTA might be requested to confirm their Member status)

12.2.1 “AMATEURS” DOUBLE TIME LIMIT

This is set at thirty-six (36hrs) hours starting as of the start of the Swim section (SAS Tildonk)

12.3 RULE & REGULATION BREACH

The competition stewards will make all decisions regarding breaches of the above Rules & Regulations and the corresponding penalties. The stewards’ decisions are final and non-negotiable.

13. TIMING REGISTRATION

The rental/guarantee for the transponders required for timekeeping will be handed out to all participants on site and must be returned by all athletes in the finish area at the end of the competition and/or immediately after they might have decided to stop their participation for any reason whatsoever.

13. HEALTH

The Promoter accepts no responsibility for the health risks of a participant in connection with participation in the competition.

The participants therefore confirm obligatorily that they have had a health check subjected by a specialist (documents are available and downloadable from our site) and there are no objections to the participation in the desired competition. The participants also confirm to submit the documents to the organisation at the latest on the day of the competition during “last checks & controls” before moving or getting onto the (shuttle) transport for the start of the swimming section (SAS TILDONK).

In addition, the participants confirm they are in a reasonable state of training. They also confirm their agreement to be taken out of the race, when the organisers or medical team consider their health may be harmed, threatened thus consider it being in the best of the athlete’s interest.

14. EVENT REGISTRATION

The participant agrees that photographs, film footage and interviews on radio, television, print media, books, photo copies, made in connection with his participation be passed on for advertising purposes without compensation, distributed and published. The collected, through the registration, personal data, will be stored for purposes of implementation and event management.

The participant agrees specifically to the publication of his name, first name, year of birth, club, its starting number, and results in all event-related print media, and all electronic media.

15. RESULT PUBLICATION

The participant agrees to the implementing rules and terms and conditions specified in the announcement explicitly.

16. REGISTRATION FEE REFUND

A “no show” results automatically in a “no refund” of the entry fee.

17. FORCE MAJEURE

There will be “no refund” if the event is cancelled due to a “force majeure”.

18. HYGIENE - COVID-19

IF applicable, the participants are obliged and agree to adhere to the requirements of the hygiene conditions and regulations as to be detailed as imposed by the local Authorities.

19. EVENT CANCELLATION

Please note COVID-19 may require the cancellation of the event and IF this is to be declared within two (2) weeks of the start of the event, no refund is guaranteed.

20. RULE & REGULATION CHANGES

The organisers reserve the right to amend the competition rules at any time.