



Welcome at the Riders Briefing



GRAVEL FONDO LIMBURG

Hosts



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Riders Briefing webinar

Webinar: approximately 45 minutes

In English, we have 21 nationalities in the race

The PDF of the presentation will be mailed to you

Your can also rewatch this webinar, link will also be shared by email



Agenda

1. About the event
2. Location
3. Route
4. Race regulations
5. Registration procedure
6. Starting procedure
7. Program
8. Practicalities
9. What to expect
10. Questions?

We will send the presentation by email tomorrow and you can rewatch the riders briefing



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Home of Cycling:
Shimano Experience Center

Originated from our mission 'Closer to Nature,
Closer to People'. It is a place where we want
everyone to meet with cycling and fishing.





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1 - About the event

- Sunday April 28 - Valkenburg
- Start/Finish Shimano Experience Center
- Second edition sold out - 1.500 participants
- Part of United in Gravel Weekender

- UCI Gravel World Series
- Qualify for the UCI Gravel World Championships 2024 in Halle-Leuven, Belgium
- Top 25% Elite and Age Category will qualify



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2 - Location

- Start, finish, registration, entertainment and finish festival at Shimano Experience Center
- De Leeuwhof 2, 6301 KZ Valkenburg
- Parking: paid parking in Valkenburg





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Termaar

START/FINISH



VALKENBURG

N590

Berg en Terblijt

Cauberg

NEERHEM

Geul

N595

OULD-
VALKENBURG

SCHIN OP GEUL

N595

Scharn

Bemelerweg

Bemelen

Bemelerberg

Keerderweg

Gasthuis

Dorpstraat

Kenkarsweg

Sibbe

N278

Cadier en Keer

Groot Welsden

Trichterweg

Eikerweg

Scheulder



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3 - Route - General info

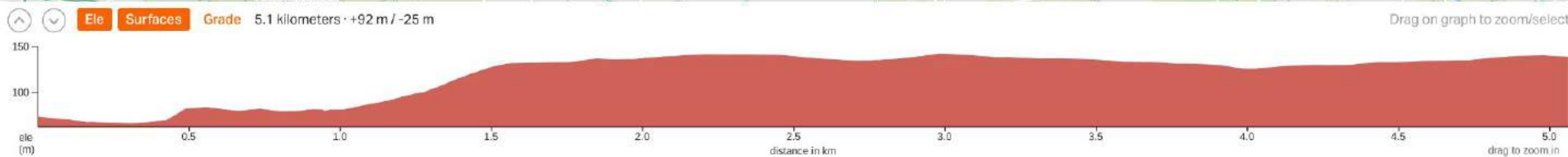
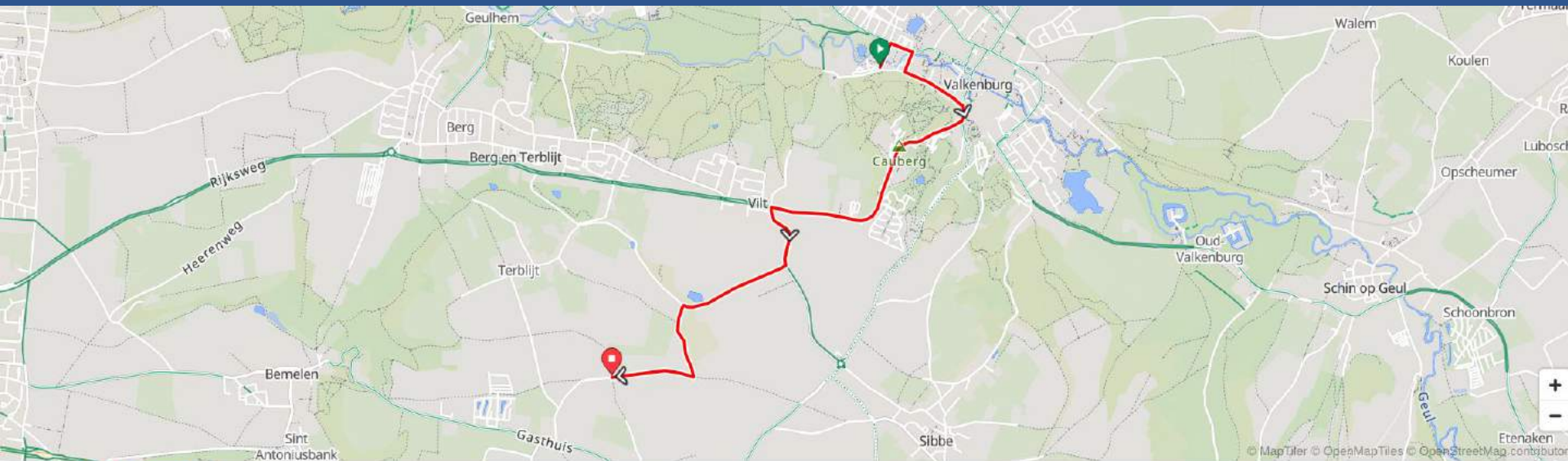
Stefan our race director gives you all details about the renewed routes...

- Lead-in **5.1 km**
- Loop **38 km**
- Final stretch **7.3 km**

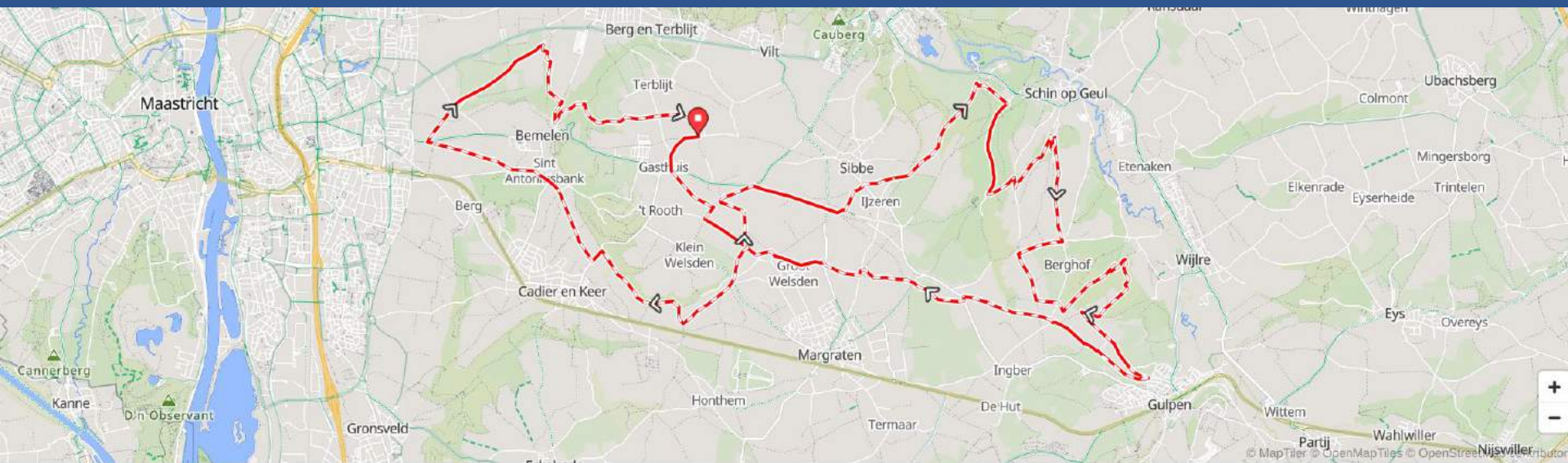
- *Please note: Provisional*
- *Final route by email (gps file) one week prior to race*



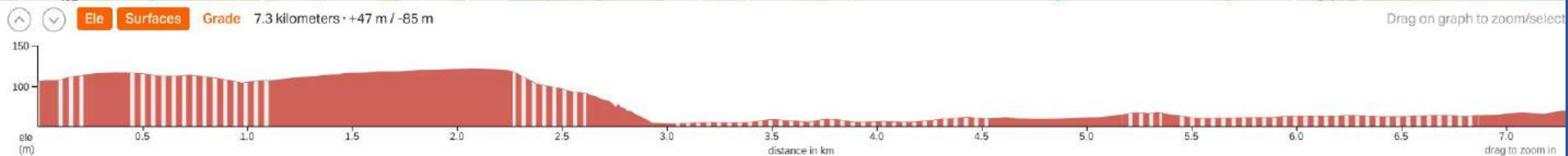
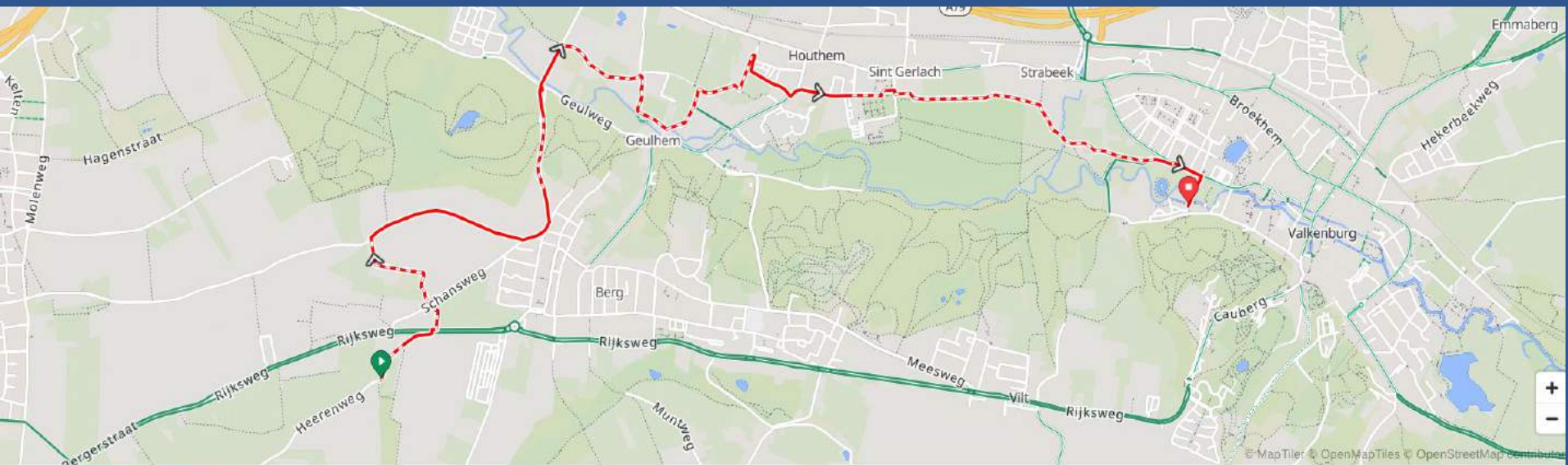
Lead-in 5.1 km (92 hm)



Loop 38 km (432 hm)



Final stretch 7.3 km (47 hm)





3 - Route - General Info

- Official qualifier distance UCI Gravel World Championships
 - Men 60+ & women 50+ → 85 km
 - Elite, men 19-59 & women 19-49 → 123 km
- Elevation gain:
 - 85 km → 1003 hm (two loops)
 - 123 km → 1435 hm (three loops)



3 - Route

- Mix of climbs like the Cauberg, technical descents, gravel, *lössgrond* and tarmac roads
- Two feed zones with (limited) technical support per loop (19 km apart)
- GPX files will be shared one week prior to the event





3 - Bikes, spares and tools

- The event is self-reliant. Bring your own tools and spare parts. Other problems can be fixed in the feed zones, limited tools are available. You can change wheels during the race, not your bike
- You may use any type of bike - gravel bike, road bike, mountain bike - with the exception of tandem, recumbent bikes and time trial road bikes







4 - Race regulations

- To start in this qualifying event:
 - a UCI or day license is **mandatory!**
- Please check all race regulations
- Note: When qualified for the Worlds:
 - at the World Championships you will need an annual (national) license with UCI ID, so **no** day license possible



4 - Categories

- Elite men & women
- Age groups
 - 19 - 34y men & women
 - 35 - 39y men & women
 - 40 - 44y men & women
 - 45 - 49y men & women
 - 50 - 54y men & women
 - Etc.

Age Groups applicable to the Gravel World Series are defined by the rider's age on Dec 31 of the year of the qualifier event



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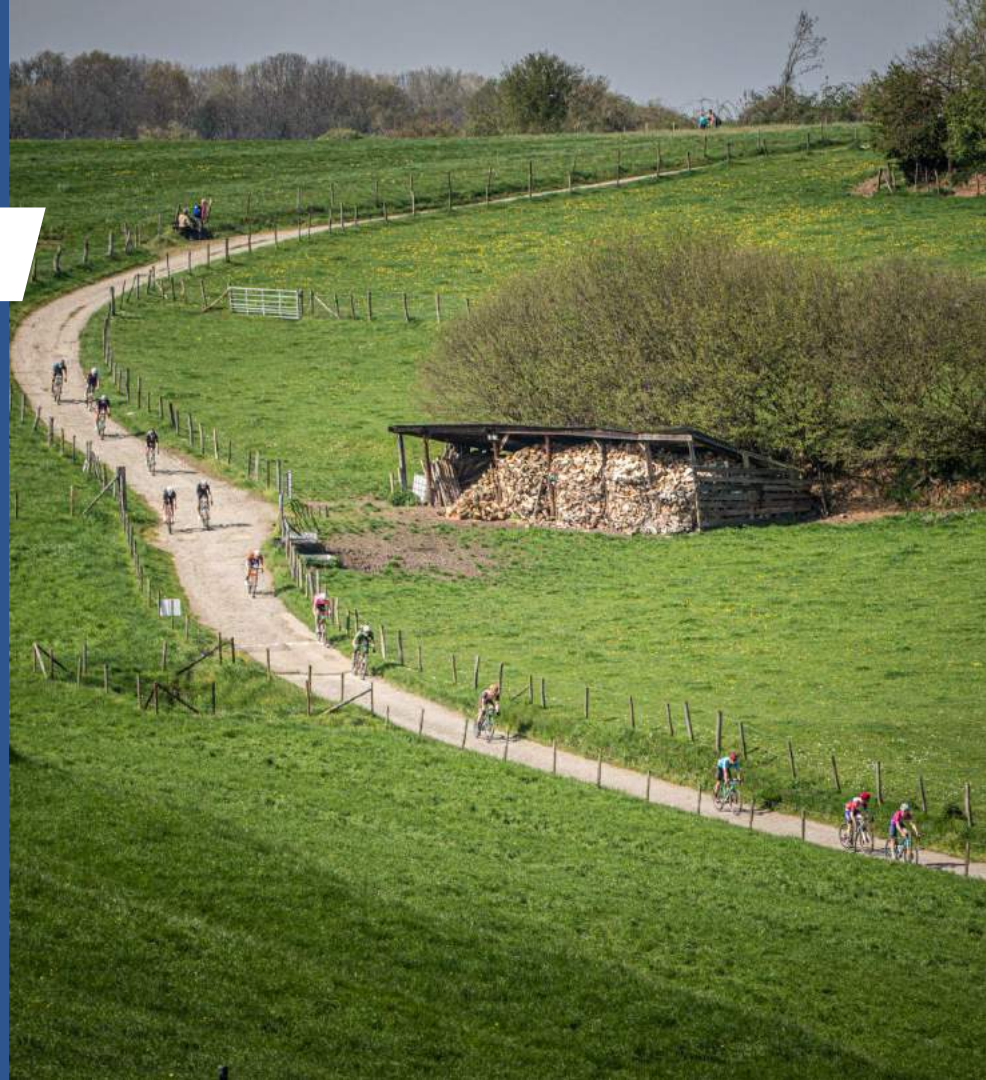
4 - Registration procedure

- Registration location inside (follow signs): Shimano Experience Center
- Friday April 26 12h00 - 19h00
Saturday April 27 12h00 - 18h00
Sunday April 28 06h30 - 08h00
- Please have your QR code and (if applicable) UCI licence ready when you're at the registration desk



5 - Starting procedure

- Start in waves - based on categories
- A preferred start box with selected riders (max of 25 riders). Only applicable for Elite category men & women
- The start position after the preferred start box and Elite category men & women will be based on age group
- All different starts will have different gun times



5 - Starting procedure

- Starting times
 - 08:30 Priority box men + men elite
 - 08:31 Priority box women + women elite
 - 08:33 Age category 19 - 34y
 - 08:35 Age category 35 - 39y
 - 08:37 Age category 40 - 44y
 - 08:39 Age category 45 - 49y
 - 08:41 Age category 50 - 54y
 - 08:43 Age category 55 - 59y
 - 08:45 Age category 60 - 64y
 - 08:47 Age category 65 - 69y
 - 08:49 Age category 70 - 74y
 - 08:51 Age category 75 - 79y



5 - Preferred start box

- Only applicable for Elite riders
- The race director allocates the spots
- The selection on the list is unrecallable and undisputable
- Do NOT contact us and question the selection



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6 - UCI Worlds Qualifying

- Qualification for the UCI Gravel World Championships for those riders finishing in the first 25% of the Elite and Age Categories
- The 25% is calculated based on the number of starters in each category, and not on the number of riders having finished the race. Qualification is always per category and based on category results, not on overall results





6 - UCI Worlds Qualifying

- Results will be shared directly after finish at the UCI Qualifying desk
- Winners will receive a UCI Jersey (per category)
- Qualifiers will get a UCI Qualifiers medal (to be picked up on event only)
- All riders will receive a finishers badge



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7 - Program

- Registration
 - Friday 12h00 - 19h00
 - Saturday 12h00 - 18h00
 - Sunday 06h30 - 08h00
- Start in waves between 08h30 and 08:51 based on category
- Podium ceremony 13h00 - 13h30
UCI Award podium



7 - Entertainment

Entertainment program 12h00 - 18h00

- UCI Award ceremony
- Bike expo with partners
- DJ
- Food Trucks
 - Lamb Weston frietje zuurvlees
 - Burgers
 - Kwaremont Koerse Kaffee
 - Il Magistrale Coffee
- Finish alley
- And much more...





7 - Entertainment

United in Gravel Weekender

- Friday April 26 - 10h00 - 17h00
- Bike Expo
- Gravel Bikes Test Event
 - Specialized, Canyon, Scott, Ridley, Giant, Liv, Orbea, Wilier Triestina, Merida, J. Guillem
 - Signposted test course 9 km
 - Ticket EUR 10 - testing bikes, goodie bag, coffee, Limburgse vlaai
 - [Register here](#)



7 - Entertainment

United in Gravel Weekender

- Friday April 26 - 19h30 - 22h00
- Gravel Café Live!
 - Discussion about the latest trends in gravel
 - Special guests Roxanne Knetemann, Laurens ten Dam, Femke Gort, Tessa Neefjes, Danny Nelissen
 - 100 tickets for free
 - [Register here](#)



7 - Entertainment

United in Gravel Weekender

- Saturday April 27 - 07h30 - 18h00
- LtD Gravel Fest King's Day Edition
 - Two gravel routes - 83 and 133 km
 - Finish Festival
 - King's Day activities
 - Limburgse vlaaien, oranje bitters
 - Tombola with amazing prizes
 - Discount code **UNITED-IN-GRAVEL**
 - **EUR 5 off**
 - [Register here](#)





8 - Practicalities

- Address Shimano Experience Center: De Leeuwhof 2, 6301 KZ Valkenburg
- Paid Parking Valkenburg - follow the signs
- Cashless event
- Bike washing station available



8 - Practicalities

- No lockers
- Bike parking facilities
- Shower facilities
- Pick up your medal and/or jersey at the event - we don't send them afterwards

- Where to stay?
<https://www.visitzuidlimburg.com/accommodations/>



9 - Communication: what to expect

- Riders briefing
- Roadbook
- QR code and starting number
- Instructions number plate & bib number (to be picked up at event location)
- Race regulations
- GPX files
- Program
- Practical information
- Photos
- Survey



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10 - Questions?

- Please send them to:
info@gravelfondolimburg.nl
- or check:
<https://en.gravelfondolimburg.nl/frequently-asked-questions>
- [Race regulations](#)
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Thanks and good luck with the preparations and race!