



TEAM CAPTAIN LETTER 3

Dear team captain,

This is already the third team captain letter of this year, in the week before the race the fourth and final team captain letter with the last information will be send out. There's a lot of information in this letter, so take your time to read it carefully!

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BEFORE THE RACE

BATA4LIFE: BEAT BATTEN

This year, the Batavierenrace supports the BeatBatten! Foundation. The BeatBatten! Foundation is dedicated to researching the extremely rare metabolic disease Batten. As an organisation, we hope to raise as much money as possible with your help to enable research into the disease. Together, we can provide the final push needed to find a treatment! You can also take action with your team! Gather your team for the Batavierenrace and come up with a fun initiative for the good cause. Every action helps! You can set up your own action with [this](#) link.

If you have any questions or want to know more, take a look on www.beatbatten.nl or send an email to voorzitter@batavierenrace.nl

BECOMING A VOLUNTEER AT THE BATA?

For anyone who unfortunately did not get the chance to run in one of the participating teams or does not want to run at all, we are still looking for volunteers who would still like to participate in the event in some way! Without these enthusiasts, there can be no Bata! You can still sign up for many different positions such as traffic controller or start assistant, where you help for a few hours at the construction of the start in Nijmegen. In return for all the hard work, you will receive a free limited-edition Bata hoodie and are welcome to attend the employees' drinks! So, do you know anyone who is free on the weekend of May 24th and 25th? Then urge them to sign up as an employee during the 52nd Batavierenrace!

STARTING GROUP AND STARTING NUMBER

The starting group and starting number of your team can be found in the preliminary starting list on the website under '[Team captain](#)' -> '[Starting list](#)'. Remember your start group well, because each start group has its own departure times at the start and restarts. Make sure you start in the right start group; this will be checked!

COUPON SALE

The coupon sale has closed. More information can be found in the email 'Vooraankondiging bonnenverkoop!' sent on March 19th. This email contains all the information about what each voucher entails. You can purchase the vouchers on the website, in the dashboard of your team.

BUS, DORMITORY, AND BREAKFAST COUPONS, MISSED THE DEADLINE?

Did you completely forget to order coupons? Not to worry, from April 19th, 00:00, the after-sale will start. During the resale it is still possible to order vouchers at a higher price. Please note that the camping vouchers are sold out, so you won't be able to get these vouchers during the aftersale. Please note that vouchers may sell out and will be withdrawn from the sale at some point for organizational reasons. So don't wait too long!



CHANGES IN THE ROUTE

Relay point 14 has been moved. This means the distances for stage 14 and 15 have been changed.

- Stage 14 is shortened from 7,4 km to 7,1 km.
- Stage 15 is shortened from 9,5 km to 9,4 km.

The distance of stage 18 is shortened to 8,0 km.

Stage 13 is changed to a men's stage, stage 14 has been changed to a women's stage. Women are allowed to run a men's stage, if a man runs a woman's stage a penalty will follow.

The restart in Enschede is moved back to the Oude Markt. So stage 23 will end on the Oude Markt. Stages 24 and 25 will start at the Oude Markt and are 7,8 km.

This is also reflected in the [Google Maps route](#). In addition, the changes have been implemented in the preliminary stage schedule which can be found on the website under '[participant](#)' -> '[the route](#)'. Keep in mind these rather drastic changes when classifying your runners! Finally, this also has consequences for the time scheme, which can be found below.

- Relay point 3 and relay point 10 are not accessible for participation vans / cars. Therefore there is a mandatory runner-cyclist change at relay points 3 and 10. This means the runner on stage 3 will bike stage 4, and the biker of stage 3 will run stage 4. The same applies to relay point 10. If the participation van is in a place where it shouldn't be (such as the runners route or these relay points), you get a warning. If it happens a second time, the team is disqualified.

TIME SCHEME

The following departure times at the restarts will apply during the race. This means that there will be a mass start in Nijmegen on the Grote Markt and in Enschede on the Oude Markt.

	Starting group 1	Starting group 2	Starting group 3	Starting group 4	Starting group 5	Starting group 6	Starting group 7
Nijmegen Grote Markt	22:30	22:30	22:30	22:30	22:30	22:30	22:30
Nijmegen RSC	00:00	00:15	00:30	00:45	01:00	01:15	01:30
Uift	06:15	06:30	06:45	07:00	07:15	07:30	07:45
Barchem	11:15	11:30	11:45	12:00	12:15	12:30	12:45
Enschede Van Heekpark etappe 24	17:35	17:35	17:35	17:35	17:35	17:35	17:35
Enschede Oude Markt etappe 25	17:55	17:55	17:55	17:55	17:55	17:55	17:55



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On the website you can find the preliminary stage schedule: see ['participant' -> 'the route'](#). This is the leading version.
- In Nijmegen it is not possible to stay overnight without a sleeping band. It is not allowed to camp in Nijmegen, Ulft or Barchem.
- It is not possible to withdraw money at the restart at the Radboud sports center. So do this in advance.
- Make sure you leave with a full tank at the start! On the route, refueling options are limited.
- In the registration system you can enter fun facts about your team and the runners of the first and last stage. The start and finish speaker can use this in their presentations. Always nice to be mentioned in this!
- There will be team captain briefings in Ulft and Barchem this year. It's mandatory that the contact person for the night and day shift are present to hear important announcements. The briefing will be held multiple times, so every starting group can be there.

TO DO

- **By May 20th**, contact phone numbers for night, morning, and afternoon must be entered into the registration system. The contact person's phone must be with the team in the van during the entire block. This is because in case of an emergency, important information will be texted to this number.
- Make sure you have a good bike, with lights, brakes, and inflated tires.
- Starting this race, it's mandatory for runners in the night to wear a small light for visibility. So make sure you bring a light for this!
- Starting this race, it's forbidden for the cyclers to cycle while listening to music. Please notify your team in advance.
- During the weekend, bring a first aid kit (with paracetamol); plenty of food and drink and a flashlight.
- It is mandatory to bring at least 2 bottles of water per runner!
- A driving license is not a valid ID in Germany. Therefore, do not forget to bring your identity card/passport to the race. Please also notify your team in advance.
- Communicate the starting number, starting group and your full team name to the rest of your team.

THE START IN NIJMEGEN

CENTRE STAGE

On May 24th at 22:30 the 52nd edition of the Batavierenrace will start at the Grote Markt in the center of Nijmegen. Below is a schedule, so you will soon know exactly who needs to be where.

TEAM CAPTAIN

20:00 - 21:30 Bike light check - Location: pit frontside RSC Nijmegen.

20:00 - 21:30 Team captains' report and issuing of the cyclists' vest - Location: Sporthal 1, entrance by the climbing wall, RSC Nijmegen. (You can only go here after your bike has been approved at the bicycle lighting check!).

22:00 - 22:45 Team captains' briefing - Location: Sporthal 1, entrance by the climbing wall, RSC Nijmegen).

All moments described above are mandatory for all team captains!



FIRST RUNNER

20:00 - 21:30 Shuttle buses Nijmegen RSC - Nijmegen Central Station.

Between 20:00 and 00:00 there will be shuttle buses running between bus stop Central Station Nijmegen and bus stop Erasmus Building Nijmegen and vice versa. From CS you will have to walk about 15 minutes to the start of the center stage. This is indicated by signposts. Here you can pick up your runners' vest (for this you need to know your starting number and team name). The race starts at 22:30, so make sure you are present on time at the Grote Markt in Nijmegen!

20:30 - 22:00 Issuing of the runners' vest.

You will have to pick up your team's runners' vest. This can be done at the stalls located in front of the Waagh on the Grote Markt. To make everything run smoothly, the vests are sorted by starting group and starting number. It is therefore important that you know the full name, starting number and starting group of your team.

22:30 Start stage 1 (center stage).

REST OF THE TEAM

You can join the first runner to the center. You can also use the shuttle buses. Between 20:00 and 00:00 there will be shuttle buses between bus stop central station Nijmegen and bus stop Erasmus building Nijmegen and vice versa. From CS you will still have to walk about 15 min to the start of the center stage. You can also stay at the sports center and cheer on the first runners inside together with the DJ and NSK TeQuila. The choice is yours!

Bike light check, team captains' briefing and issuing of the cyclists' vest

Due to the center stage, the bike lighting control, team captains' briefing and issuing of the cyclists' vest will take place at one time. This will take place between 20:00 and 21:30. This location is indicated by means of signposts. The team captain registration and the issuing of the cyclists' vest will take place in Sports Hall 1 (entrance to the climbing wall). The bike light check will take place at the front of the sports center.

The bike light check: since a large part of the race takes place at night, it is important that the lights on your bike are in order. The check is mandatory and when the bike lights are not in order, you are required to purchase bike lights from the Batavierenrace. The amount of EUR 5,- will be deducted from the deposit. When your bike is approved, you will receive a form from a staff member with details of your team, which you can use to pick up your cyclist's vest.

Cyclists' vest distribution and team captain registration: once you have passed the bike light check, signage and staff will show you where to pick up your vest. To do so, hand in the form you received at the bicycle light control. Make sure the team details are correct!

TEAM CAPTAINS' BRIEFING

The team captains' instruction starts at 22:00 in Sporthal 1 in the Radboud Sports Center in Nijmegen. Here, the organization will tell you the most important things about the race. For fire safety reasons, only the team captain is allowed to be present at the instruction. In case the team captain cannot be present, the contact person of the night shift can come as a delegate. Make sure that the given information is communicated to the whole team.

TO DO

- In your team captains' bag that you receive at the team captains' briefing are two route booklets. Give one of these to your cyclist and leave the other one in the car.
- It should be clear which vehicle belongs to your team. In the team captains' bag there are two start numbers in A4 and A5 format. The A4 format should be placed on the back of your vehicle, the A5 format on your windshield. In the team captains' bag there are also stickers with which you can stick the starting numbers to your vehicle.



- It is recommended that you bring an extra phone to give to the cyclist. If, when handing over the bike, you also hand over this phone (for example, by putting the phone in a pannier or something similar) you as team captain can always find out where your runner is.

DURING THE RACE

RULES DURING THE RACE

- It is strictly forbidden under penalty of disqualification of the entire team to cause (noise) nuisance during the race. Extra attention will be paid to this on stages 1 through 10 (race regulations, article 29).
- It is not allowed to enter the race with more than one vehicle unless you have received express permission to do so. Only UC teams will be granted permission.
- Relay point 3 and relay point 10 are not accessible to participants' vans/cars. There is therefore a mandatory runner-cyclist changeover relay point 3 and relay point 10. This means that the runner from stage 3 will cycle on stage 4 and the cyclist from stage 3 will run on stage 4. The same then also applies at relay point 10.
- There will be team captain briefings in Ulft and Barchem this year. It's mandatory that the contact person for the night and day shift are present to hear important announcements. The briefing will be held multiple times, so every starting group can be there.
- This year's route again contains several railroad crossings. Please remember that it is strictly forbidden to cross a closing or closed railroad crossing. If the runner does cross the railroad crossing, he or she will receive a penalty time and a warning.
- Like last year, an earliest start time (VST) will be used, which means that a runner may never start from a switching point before a certain time. Therefore, should the previous runner come in before that time, the next runner will have to wait to start (race regulations, article 18).
- The route stated in the route booklet (supplemented with errata) must be followed. This means that you may not use a navigation system. Be careful not to follow a staff vehicle (see placards on the vehicles). These drive a different route! In addition, always follow the route booklet yourself and do not simply follow another participant's vehicle to avoid that if one vehicle drives the wrong way, everyone else drives the wrong way.
- No cyclists are allowed on stage 24 and stage 25.

BUS PLANNING

Through the voucher sales, you can order vouchers to transport your runners between the restarts. The schedule for the buses that will run between Nijmegen, Enschede and the restart locations Ulft and Barchem is as follows:

Bus trajectory	Departure time
Departure buses Nijmegen – Ulft starting group 1 to 4	04:30
Departure buses Nijmegen – Ulft starting group 5 to 7	05:00
Departure buses Nijmegen – Barchem starting group 1 to 4	09:00
Departure buses Nijmegen – Barchem starting group 5 to 7	09:30
Departure buses Enschede – Ulft starting group 1 to 3	04:00



Departure buses Enschede – Ulft starting group 4 and 5	04:30
Departure buses Enschede – Ulft starting group 6 and 7	05:00
Departure buses Enschede – Barchem starting group 1 to 3	09:15
Departure buses Enschede – Barchem starting group 4 and 5	09:45
Departure buses Enschede – Barchem starting group 6 and 7	10:15
Departure buses Ulft – Enschede	05:30
Departure buses Barchem – Enschede	10:45

BATAMEDIA

Once again, this year BataMedia is reporting on the race via radio, video and socials. Fun clips, great hits and the latest results! If your team has a song that makes you run faster, send us your favorite songs to 053 489 5338, or send us a message via Instagram or TikTok.

Do you have a funny or unique story about the Batavierenrace? Let us know at batamedia@batavierenrace.nl and who knows, maybe we'll call you for the broadcast! Our broadcast can be heard via bataradio.nl or via batavierenrace.nl.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- To be on time at the restarts (Restart Ulft and Restart Barchem) it is best not to take the participants' van to the switching point before (WP8 and WP16). We recommend that you make sure that your runner from stage 8 switches with the cyclist (the cyclist then runs stage 9) and similarly at stages 16 and 17.
- Your van should be parked outside Barchem (WP17). Make sure you leave from the restart at least 10 minutes before the runner starts, otherwise you will be too late at the next switching point. This info can be found on the overview map in the online participants' booklet. The link to this will follow!
- Furthermore, all team captains should keep in mind to park as far back as possible on the Menzis lot at the restart in Enschede. This will also be mentioned during the team captains' instruction Friday evening April 28 in Nijmegen.

FINISH IN ENSCHEDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The participants' dinner on Saturday night will take place the same way this year as last year: on the grounds of the UT Enschede campus there will be a take-out point of Domino's pizza to make sure you go into the Batavierenrace party with a good base! To do this, however, you must order your pizzas from Domino's yourself. More information can be found on our website under ['team captain -> information for team captains'](#).
- In Enschede, camping is free. To ensure that camping remains free in future years, it is important that the vans are parked in the designated parking lot, camping is done within the lines and the campsite is left tidy. No glass may be brought into the campground. Also, only tents of up to 6 people are allowed. Full camping regulations can be found on the website under ['participant' -> 'sleeping arrangements'](#). In order to be allowed on the campsite, you need to have a voucher! They are free, and you can get them with the coupon sale.



INSTAGRAM

Want to stay up to date with all the latest news surrounding the Batavierenrace? Then follow @batavierenrace on Instagram! All last-minute updates are shared here, so especially as a team captain it is recommended to follow us on Instagram.

AFTER THE RACE

QUESTIONS?

Should there be any uncertainties, please contact us. We can be reached daily by emailing secretaris@batavierenrace.nl or by calling the Nijmegen (024-3615876) or Enschede (053-4893787) office.