



Competition Rules 46th Batavierenrace (21st of April 2017)

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General

1. The Batavierenrace is an annual student relay race between the Radboud University Nijmegen and the University of Twente, organised by the Organising Committee of the Batavierenrace Association.
2. Teams participating in the Batavierenrace submit to the Registration Rules and these Competition Rules.
3. The Dutch Competition Rules are leading in all cases. This translation is only provided as a convenience.
4. When the Competition Rules do not provide a solution, the responsible body decides (Article 6).
5. The official bodies reserve the right to occasionally depart from the Contest Rules.

Competition Layout

6. The Batavierenrace has the following official bodies:
 - a. The Organising Committee, taking care of the organisation of the competition;
 - b. The Competition Committee, being responsible for the safety and general progress of the competition during the race;
 - c. The Competition Secretariat, being responsible for processing the results, presenting the results and handling objections;
 - d. The Doctors, taking care of the medical support during the race.
7. The Batavierenrace distinguishes three classifications: the Topicus University Competition (UC), the General Classification (AK) and the Company Classification (BK). A team only participates in one classification.
8. Participants in the AK classification must have been registered as a student at a university at any time after 21 April 2017. For participants in the UC classification additional requirements apply, as laid out in the Registration Rules.
9. The Batavierenrace consists of 25 stages, divided into 9 women's and 16 men's stages, as listed in the participant's booklet.
10. The published distances of stages and running speeds are only indicative.
11. The start of the competition will take place in Nijmegen (Centre). There are four restart locations: Nijmegen, Ulft, Barchem and Enschede.
 - a. The start in Nijmegen (start) occurs in a single starting group.
 - b. The restarts in Nijmegen (restart), Ulft and Barchem are divided into seven starting groups.
 - c. In Enschede stages 24 and 25 will start. Those stages follow the same route. Two restarts take place here, one for all runners of stage 24 and one for all runners of stage 25.
12. The route and stage layout can be changed by the Organising Committee and the Competition Committee if this is desired through circumstances. In special circumstances, these bodies may cancel (part of) a stage or the entire competition.
13. At every stage, per team, a different runner is running the stage. The change of runner happens by passing on a vest in the switch area at the switch point. At a stage ending at a restart location, the vest will not be transferred in the switch area; the next stage starts at the restart location.
14. Each stage has its own limit time which is published in the participant's booklet. The limit time is the maximum time a runner may take to finish the stage. The Competition Secretariat has the right to change the limit time in special circumstances.
15. Teams are solely responsible for the transport of participants between the switch points and the timely arrival of the right runner at every switch point.
16. The switch points are indicated by a registration area, switch point port and a switch area. From the runner's perspective, the registration area starts ten meters before the switch point port and ends approximately a meter after the switch point port. The switch area starts where the registration area ends and ends at the last chained pole.
17. Switch points are manned during the time indicated in the participant's booklet, unless the last runner has passed before the specified closing time. Outside the specified opening duration, results are not registered.
18. Switch points can have an earliest and/or last starting time, as published in the participant's booklet. Runners cannot start before the earliest starting time. At the last starting time, all runners who have not started yet, should start, even if the previous runner has not arrived yet.



19. The Competition Committee and Competition Secretariat can impose sanctions if teams do not abide the provisions of these Competition rules or if the circumstances justify such sanctions. Sanctions include applying a penalty time to the team or individual runner, disqualifying a team or runner, and/or removing the team or runner from the competition. Furthermore, a team may receive an official warning, a second of which automatically leads to a disqualification of the entire team.
20. Shortly after the competition, preliminary results will be published. The official results will be published on the website on Friday after the competition.
21. Prizes for the top 3 of each classification will be granted based on the official results. Other prizes are granted based on the preliminary results.
22. Objections about the preliminary results can only be directed to the Competition Secretariat. The Competition Secretariat can be reached during the competition by telephone, email and the website. Directly after the competition, objections can be directed personally in Enschede. Until Wednesday after the competition, it is possible to direct objections through email and the website.
23. Complaints about the treatment of objections can be directed at the Organising Committee in Nijmegen. This does not have any influence on the result of the objection.

Order Provisions

24. Every participant takes part at his or her own risk. The Batavierenrace Association cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage to personal property or any personal injuries.
25. The Dutch and German Traffic laws, as well as all other regulations, will remain in force during the competition.
26. Instructions of the police, traffic controllers, and Batavierenrace staff must be followed promptly and strictly.
27. All organisation vehicles must be granted immediate passage throughout the race.
28. In case of accidents or serious injuries, a staff member of the Batavierenrace must be contacted immediately (after contact with emergency services). This staff member will contact the Competition Committee or a Doctor. The victim must wait until help arrives.
29. It is strictly forbidden to make (noise) disturbances during the race, especially during the nightly stages.
30. Participants are not allowed to use doping or be under the influence of any narcotics (including alcohol and drugs) during the race, except when this is required for medical reasons.
31. Disabled participants can participate in the Batavierenrace in consultation with the Organising Committee in Nijmegen. The name of this person and the stage that he or she is going to complete must be communicated in advance, so that volunteers of the Batavierenrace can reckon with this person. For disabled participants, no additional security measures or other arrangements are made.
32. Team captains must attend the team captain instruction in Nijmegen on Friday before the race. The exact time and location are announced in team captain letter 3.
33. Sponsor claims before and during the race and prize ceremony can be prohibited by the organisation, after which these must be removed or covered immediately.
34. The Batavierenrace Association reserves the right to publish photos and filming of participants. All participants declare that they will not object to the usage of photos or films of their portrait.

Runners and Cyclists

35. Unless otherwise indicated, runners must run on the right side of the road and each runner must be accompanied by exactly one cyclist. However, on stages 1, 24 and 25, the runner cannot be accompanied by a cyclist, taking the safety and the crowd into account.
36. The routes, as described in the participant's booklet, are compulsory, unless other instructions are provided by the staff of the Batavierenrace. The signs along the runner's route are only there to clarify the route.
37. Runners are required to leave the registration area at the switch point as quickly as possible. It is disallowed for anyone to unnecessarily stay in the registration area.
38. When a runner needs to pre-emptively end his or her stage, this should be communicated to the following switch point. The next runner can start there.
39. The bike will be checked by the organisation in Nijmegen on the Friday of the race. The bike must meet the legal standards (including good functioning lights and brakes) and may not be broader than 50 cm with exception of the handlebars. The exact time and location of the checkpoint will be announced in team captain letter 3.
40. The cyclist may never go through the registration area, switch point port or switch area at the switch point. The switch area must be passed on the left side, unless otherwise indicated.



Runner's and Cyclist's Vests

41. Team captains must report at the team registration on the Friday of the race in Nijmegen to receive the cyclist's vest. The exact time and location will be announced in team captain letter 3.
42. The runner of the first stage must report at the distribution of the vests on the Friday of the race in Nijmegen to receive the runner's vest. The exact time and location will be announced in team captain letter 3. If the vest is not picked up in time, the vest will be brought to the team registration.
43. The runner's vest must be worn by the runner and the vest number must be visible at any time. The runner must wear the vest until after finishing his or her stage. If the Competition Committee has decided that runner's vests do not have to be worn, the runner should always carry the runner's vest with him or her.
44. At the restart in Enschede runners must report to the organisation, half an hour before the specified starting time of stage 24 at the latest, to receive bib numbers. On stages 24 and 25 these bib numbers will be used instead of the vest. The bib number must be visible at any time.
45. If a runner must start without a vest, the runner must start with a temporary bib number and the team must bring the vest to the active runner as soon as possible. A temporary bib number can be requested at a switch point or an information desk. When a vest is no longer available, a temporary vest can be requested at a switch point.
46. The cyclist is obliged to wear the cyclist's vest at any time and to make sure the vest number is visible.

Participants' Vehicles

47. Transportation of participants, who are not running or cycling the stage, must take place along the car's route as published in the participant's booklet.
48. For the participants' vehicles, it is forbidden to use the runners' route, except for the parts where the car's route and the runners' route coincide. Where those routes coincide, the speed should be adjusted in such a way that the safety of the runners is guaranteed. The vehicles may never drive directly in front of, behind or next to the runner.
49. Each team can use only one participants' vehicle. If a team wants to make use of two participants' vehicles, permission should be requested at the Organising Committee in Nijmegen before 1 April 2018. In this case, the skipping route should be used consistently.
50. All participants' vehicles must be vehicles that can be legally driven by any driver holding a valid Dutch driving license B. Trailers are not allowed.
51. Bus placards, which are distributed by the organisation, should be placed on every participants' vehicle, visible on the passenger's side on the inside of the windshield and clearly visible on the back of the vehicle.
52. Parking must be done as described in the participant's booklet and will be marked by signs or by the present staff.

Competition Provisions

53. The running time is the finish time minus the start time if both are registered correctly. Times are registered in whole seconds.
54. As start time may apply:
 - a. The (re)start time in Nijmegen (2x), Ulft, Barchem or Enschede;
 - b. The automatically or manually registered finish time of the previous runner;
 - c. The time of a start, led by a staff member at the switch point, which will be applied if there is no finish or a finish outside the specified earliest and last starting time.
55. As finish time may apply the automatically or manually registered finish time at the switch point.
56. The automatic time registration is attended with a sound and light signal. The runner must pay attention to this signal and, if this signal is not perceived, the runner must warn a staff member immediately. Only then the time can still be registered. The runner is responsible for the time registration.
57. The runner's time may be registered anywhere in the registration area. No compensation is granted for inconsistencies this may cause.
58. Runners who are delayed in the broadest sense of the word, e.g. by waiting for railway crossings or taking wrong turns, are not compensated.
59. Based on Article 19 the Competition Secretariat can decide to assign a penalty or declare a running time invalid if any violation is observed. When a runner is disqualified or when the running time is not representative (e.g. Articles 66 to 68), the running time is always declared invalid.



60. The classification time is the running time, possibly with additional penalty time. The maximum classification time is the limit time plus 15 minutes. When there is no valid running time, the classification time is equal to the maximum.
61. The running time cannot exceed the limit time. When the limit time is exceeded, the classification time is equal to the maximum classification time.
62. At a (re)start the runner may only start at the official starting time. It is not allowed to start in another starting group than the team is assigned to. If the previous runner has not completed his or her stage yet, the runner must start in the assigned starting group. If there is no other possibility because of the circumstances, the staff at the information desk should be informed.
63. At a switch point, runners can only start after the vest is transferred through the finishing runner in the switch area, unless the transfer of the vest could not take place.
64. If a male runs on a women's stage, the penalty time will be a factor 0.4 of the running time. No compensation will be granted for women running a men's stage.
65. A participant can participate in only one team and in only one stage. If the runner runs more stages, every additional stage will be penalized with 15 minutes penalty time.
66. It is not allowed to disaggregate stages. Every stage can only be ran by one runner per team.
67. It is not allowed to shorten stages without permission of the Competition Committee.
68. It is not allowed for a runner to move themselves other than by running, unless otherwise permitted by the Organising Committee in Nijmegen.
69. A runner can be excluded and removed from the competition by a Doctor for medical reasons. The classification time will then equal the limit time.
70. Teams may not hinder others in the broadest sense.
71. A team that has an invalid running time at more than five stages will be included in the results outside the competition.
72. When two teams achieve the exact same time, the running time of the final stage is decisive.

Special Provisions

73. It is not allowed for participant's vehicles to visit switch point 3. A runner-cyclist switch is therefore required at this switch point, meaning that the runner on stage 3 must be a cyclist on stage 4 and vice versa. Violation of this rule will result in the times of both stages to be declared invalid.
74. Stage 24 can only be completed by a female runner. If this is not possible, the team cannot start at this stage.
75. For runners, it is not allowed to carry attributes that could cause any disturbance or danger for participants, spectators or equipment at the final switch point port of stage 24 and 25. Such attributes may be taken by staff members of the Batavierenrace.

Additional Provisions Topicus University Competition

76. Articles 77 to 82 only apply to teams participating in the Topicus University Competition and have priority over the articles mentioned above.
77. A team and the runners of the team must meet the standards for participating in the Topicus University Competition as described in the Registration Rules.
78. In advance of the (re)start of their starting group, the runner must personally report to the University Competition Verification with valid identification (passport, ID card or driver's license, copies are not accepted). The runner will receive a wrist brand here.
79. Immediately after completing his or her stage, a runner should have their wrist band cut off in the original state, by a staff member at the switch point. This is the own responsibility of the runner. The runner will receive a receipt that must be kept as proof when any dispute arises concerning the cutting of the wrist band.
80. The classification for the NSK (Dutch Student Championship) Batavierenrace is determined based on the official results of the Topicus University Competition. Only universities having a sports council associated with Studentensport Nederland (SSN) are included.
81. The limit time is equal to the University Competition limit time published in the participant's booklet. The Competition Secretariat has the right to change the limit time in special circumstances.
82. The maximum classification time (Article 60) is equal to the University Competition limit time.



Attachment: overview of penalty codes and their penalties

When any violation is observed, the Competition Secretariat may use the following penalty codes and penalties, which may deviate from the mentioned article numbers:

Violation	Article	Penalty
A Moved differently	68	invalid running time
D Disqualified runner	8, 19, 25-52, 70, 73-75	invalid running time
F Invalid switch	63	15 minutes
H Male on women's stage	64	running time \times 0,4
I Shortened stage	67	invalid running time
L Limit time exceeded	61	maximum time
M Medical exclusion	69	limit time
N No running time	38, 53	invalid running time
O Disaggregated stage	66	invalid running time
Q Disqualification team	19, 25-52, 70	no running time
R Regulatory exclusion	5, 19	limit time
T Double stage running	65	15 minutes
U Running inappropriately (UC)	77-79	invalid running time
V False (re)start	62, 63	invalid running time
W Violation	19, 26-52, 70	15 minutes
X Stage cancelled	12	no running time
Z More than 5 \times invalid running time	71	outside competition

Please note that an invalid running time is always equal to the maximum time. This is the University Competition limit time for the University Competition, and limit time + 15 minutes for all other classifications.