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RALLY GUIDE 2

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Welcome

We are glad to welcome you to the 59th edition Ypres Rally. The biggest motorsport event in Flanders will take place 22nd to 24th of June.

In 2021, we made history by Ypres being for the first-time part of the World Rally Championship, and also 2022 followed the same path. 2023 has brought new challenges along and Ypres Rally is glad to welcome the 8th round of the Belgian Rally Championship as well as 3rd round of British Rally Championship.

Rally has created a reputation throughout Europe because of its tricky stages and great atmosphere. The popular service park and the great ambiance in the city centre add adrenaline to the event.

Thanks to the support of local authorities and more than a thousand volunteers, we can run a compact and well-timed rally. We are very proud to deliver this event on time and allow all rally fans an opportunity to enjoy another fantastic rally weekend.

Locations

Rally HQ, Media Centre and Service Park will be in the city centre of Ypres with the heart of it just a few steps from the main square. Historical Vleeshuis along the market square will again be the home for HQ, while as Novotel will host the Media Centre. The Service Park will be located, as always, on the Town Square of Ypres and its surroundings. It will be the only Service Park used during the rally.

Ypres distinctive strengths, in addition to long rally history, are good accommodation capacity in combination with high tourist orientation of the area. Service Park in the heart of the town guarantees a unique atmosphere for the teams, competitors as well as for the fans.

Route

The route consists mostly of twisty tarmac farming lanes, challenging to both cars and crews. The total distance of the rally is about 535 km. Eighteen special stages in total will cover a bit more than 220 km, which bring the rally to more than 40% special stage coverage.

The rally starts with the Qualifying Stage on Thursday evening in Nieuwkerke, followed by the Shakedown at the same location. Special stages are run from Friday afternoon to Saturday evening within 30-kilometre radius of Ypres.

There will be 8 special stages on Friday and 10 special stages on Saturday including 4 unique stages on each day. The podium ceremony will be held on the market square of Ypres Saturday around 20h00.

In this Rally Guide 2, you will find the information necessary to prepare your participation for the event. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our organising team is looking forward to helping you make your participation as easy as possible.

Organising Tema of Ardeca Ypres Rally Belgium

This document has no regulatory power - for information only. Information in Rally Guide can be changed and added, updates will be highlighted and published at www.clubsuperstage.com.

1.1. Environmental Sustainability

As part of the FIA Environmental Sustainability Program, Ypres Rally's goal is to continue to make the event more sustainable. While working both internally and externally, we aim to ensure that our events' impact on the environment is as small as possible.

This is an ongoing process and includes provisions on special stages, in the service park and through our general administration tasks. Specific goals for this year are as follows:

- Reduce the number of printed documents.
- Minimise the number of printed tickets and other rally documents.
- Replace cans with bottles.
- Minimise the amount of fuel used by officials working on the event by using also electric cars.
- Ban on the use of single-use plastics.
- Separate waste collection in service park and apart recycling area on the Market Square.
- Traffic will be kept out of the city center as much as possible.

1.2. Focus on the prevention of waste – Focus on reuse and recycle

First measures were implemented by the Organiser already in 2019, with the ban of beverage cans on the special stages to avoid unnecessary pollution. Instead, reusable bottles were used with a deposit for bringing them back to catering suppliers.

Superstage, the Organiser of Ardeca Ypres Rally Belgium, was the first organisation to distribute a biodegradable garbage bag to every spectator. The distribution was organised at the ticket pick-up location to make sure everyone would receive the bag. The entire campaign is targeting continuous awareness among all rally fans, out of a need to respect the cleanliness of the venues and to protect the environment – around the Service Park as well as on the stages.

The number of drop-off points for bottles were significantly increased, but also the number of garbage bags along the stages, and not only at spectator points.

To prevent waste, there is a ban on the use of single use plastics in catering material. This means that only reusable cups are allowed or bottles. This will lead to a lot less garbage on the special stages.

Club Superstage also sees it as its responsibility to reuse materials and recycle as much as possible:

- Only FSC paper is used.
- Separate waste collection in the service park, HQ and Media Center.
- All materials used on the stages are removed after the rally, stored, and reused the year after.

In summary - we have an ambitious sustainable development and mobility project, proposed, and introduced by the Organiser of the Ardeca Ypres Rally.

2. CONTACT DETAILS

2.1. Organiser's Name and Permanent Contact Details

Organiser SuperStage vzw
 Address Korte Torhoutstraat 35, 8900 Ypres, Belgium
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 E-mail office@ypresrally.com
 Website www.clubsuperstage.com
 Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RallyYpres/>
 Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/ypresrally/>
 Twitter <https://twitter.com/ypresrally>

2.2. Key Officials

Position	Name	e-mail
Event Director	Mr Alain PENASSE	alain.penasse@ypresrally.com
Clerk of the Course	Ms Emilia ABEL	emilia.abel@ypresrally.com
Deputy COC	Mr Peter DECKMYN	peter.deckmyn@ypresrally.com
Assistant COC / Chief Safety Officer / Route Manager	Mr Frederik SOHIER	frederik.sohier@ypresrally.com
Chief Medical Officer	Dr Tom DECLERCQ	tom.declercq@ypresrally.com
Secretary of the Rally	Ms Macarena DEL SANTE	macarena.delsante@ypresrally.com
Chief Scrutineer	Mr Lucas BOEVER	lb.sport@racb.com
Service Park Manager	Ms Evelien DESCHUYTTER	servicepark@ypresrally.com
Competitors' Relations Officer (CRO)	Mr Guy DESMEDT	cro@ypresrally.com
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Competitors' Relations Officer (CRO)	Mr Andy JARDINE	-
Press Officer	Mr Hugo VAN OPSTAL	hugo.vanopstal@ypresrally.com
Environmental Officer	Mr Tom ESPEEL	tom.espeel@ypresrally.com

2.3. Rally HQ Contact Details

Address Neermarkt 9, 8900 Ypres
 Telephone +32 (0)57 79 01 80

E-mail office@ypresrally.com

Rally office will be open from Tuesday 20 June until Saturday 24 June 2023.

2.4. Media Contact Details

Position	Name	e-mail
Press Officer Ardeca Ypres Rally	Mr Hugo VAN OPSTAL	hugo.vanopstal@ypresrally.com
British Rally Championship Media Manager	Mr Matt COTTON	matt.cotton@motorsportuk.org

2.5. Opening hours Rally HQ and Media Centre

Day	Date	Rally HQ	Media Centre
Tuesday	20 June	10.00 - 19.00	-
Wednesday	21 June	09.00 - 18.00	14.00 - 20.00
Thursday	22 June	10.00 - 18.00	10.00 - 20.00
Friday	23 June	10.00 - 22.00	09.00 - 22.00
Saturday	24 June	08.30 - 22.00	08.00 - 22.00

3. PROGRAMME AND CRITICAL DEADLINES

3.1. Schedule before the Rally Week

Wednesday, 24 May		
23.59	Closing date for Entries at reduced fee	www.autorally.lv/ypres2023/Entry/
	Rally Guide 2 published	www.clubsuperstage.com/ypres-rally
	Road Book and Route Map available	www.clubsuperstage.com/ypres-rally
Monday, 5 June		
23.59	Closing date for Entries	www.autorally.lv/ypres2023/Entry/
Monday, 12 June		
	Publication of seeded entry list	Digital ONB / Sportity
Friday, 16 June		
	Closing date for Media accreditations	www.clubsuperstage.com/ypres-rally
Wednesday, 14 June		
	Administrative Documents must reach the Organiser	macarena.delsante@ypresrally.com
	Closing date for Service Park facilities order and Service area request form	servicepark@ypresrally.com
	Closing date for Reconnaissance registration form	macarena.delsante@ypresrally.com
	Closing date for Reconnaissance only application	
Friday, 16 June		
16.00	Closing date for fuel orders	See details in Art. 8.2 in these SR
Sunday, 18 June		

	Appointment reserved for administrative checks and technical scrutineering	Entry platform
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3.2. Schedule during the Rally Week

Tuesday, 20 June		
10.00 - 19.00	Administrative checks and Collection of all documents and materials	Rally Office, Neermarkt 9, Ypres One representative per Team
10.00 - 19.00	Collection of Safety Tracking System device	Rally Office, Neermarkt 9, Ypres
19:00	Closing date for Shakedown registration	macarena.delsante@ypresrally.com
Wednesday, 21 June		
08.00 - 10.00	Administrative checks and Collection of all documents and materials	Rally Office, Neermarkt 9, Ypres One representative per Team
08.00 - 10.00	Collection of Safety Tracking System device	Rally Office, Neermarkt 9, Ypres
09.00	Service Park open for teams located at Grote Markt and Van Peereboomplein (see Service Park plan)	Service Park, Grote Markt and Van Peereboomplein, Ypres
10.00 - 19.30	Reconnaissance Day 1	
14.00	Media Accreditation and Media Centre open	Novotel, Sint-Jacobsstraat 15, Ypres
16.00	Helicopter Pilots Briefing	Via Zoom
18.00 - 21.00	Scrutineering - Sealing & Marking of components for all other cars (only by appointment)	D&O Group Duran, Dehemlaan 5, Ypres
19.00	Event presentation for Media	Aarova Village, Minneplein, Ypres
Thursday, 22 June		
07.00 - 15.00	Scrutineering - Sealing & Marking of components for all other cars (only by appointment)	D&O Group Duran, Dehemlaan 5, Ypres
09.00	Service Park open for teams located on Minneplein and Surmountstraat (see Service Park plan)	Service Park, Minneplein and Surmountstraat, Ypres
09.30 - 14.00	Reconnaissance Day 2	
11.00	First Stewards Meeting	Stewards Room, Rally HQ
13.00	Publication of Start List for Qualifying Stage	Digital ONB / Sportity
13.00	Team Managers Meeting (only with invitation)	Auditorium, Ac Auris, Ter Waarde 1, Ypres
From 15.00	Re-scrutineering	TBC, Ypres
18.00	Qualifying stage followed by Shakedown for all drivers	SD Nieuwkerke
20.30	Publication of the Qualifying Stage provisional classification	Digital ONB / Sportity
Friday, 23 June		
10.30	Publication of Start List for Ceremonial start and Section 1	Digital ONB / Sportity
11.00	Pre-Rally Press Conference	Media Center
12.00	Meet the crews and Autograph session (invited drivers)	Service Park

14.55	Opening of the Start Park	Service OUT, Ypres
15.10	Ceremonial start	Service Park, Ypres
15.28	Start of Section 1	Service OUT, Ypres
Saturday, 24 June		
00.00	Publication of Start List for Section 3	Digital ONB / Sportity
09.15	Start of Section 3	Parc Fermé, Ypres
10.00 - 12.00	Return of Return of Safety Tracking System device for Rally cars that have retired and do not restart	Rally HQ, Ypres
20.15	Finish of the rally Podium ceremony & Prize-giving	Service Park, Ypres
Approx. 21.00	Final Scrutineering	D&O Group Duran, Dehemlaan 5, Ypres
20.30 - 22.30	Return of Safety Tracking System device	Rally HQ, Ypres
21.00	Post-Rally Press Conference	Media Center
21.30	Second Stewards Meeting	Stewards Room, Rally HQ
22.30	Publication of Provisional classification	Digital ONB / Sportity

4. SERVICE PARK

4.1. General Information

Location

Service park is located in the town centre of Ypres (Grote Markt and its surrounding streets).
The surface is predominantly asphalt.
GPS coordinates: N 50°51'052" E 2°53'161"

Service Park Manager

Ms Evelien Deschuytter
e-mail: servicepark@ypresrally.com
Tel: +32 473 99 03 42

4.2. Access to Service Park

- On Wednesday 21 June from 9.00 Service Park open for teams located at Grote Markt and Van Peereboomplein
- On Thursday 22 June from 9.00 Service Park open for teams located on Minneplein and Surmountstraat

See Service Park plan in the Competitors section on the website for further details.

Exemptions could be agreed with Service Park Manager.

Please contact the Service Park Manager for direction to your allocated service area.

Access

Only vehicles with Team plates issued by the Organiser are allowed to access the Service Park. The vehicles must be clearly identified by designated car pass affixed on the windscreen. Removal of the sticker is prohibited until the end of the rally.

Closing

All service buildings, tents, cars, trailers etc must be removed from the Service Park by **Sunday 25 June at 14.00**.

4.3. Service Area

- Gold entries 120 m²
- Private entries
 - Rally2, RGT, NRGT 100 m²
 - Other cars 80 m²
- Reduced entries (BRC Junior, 2WD Trophy) 60 m²

Cost for additional service space in Service Park area is 15-30 € + VAT 21% /m²

All additional space requests are subject to availability and organiser agreement.

If a competitor has multiple entries to be located together in Service Park, the application for consecutive Service Areas must reach the Organiser by Wednesday 14 June.

The layout of Service Park displaying service space designated to each competitor will be published in the Competitors section on www.clubsuperstage.com and on Sportity application latest by Tuesday 20 June.

4.3.1 Traffic Movements

The traffic flow direction shown on the Service Park layout must be respected at all times by competitors and their Service and Auxiliary vehicles.

The layout of Service Park displaying service space designated to each competitor will be published in the Competitors section on www.clubsuperstage.com and on Sportity application latest by Tuesday 20 June.

4.3.2 Parking

During the rally, only vehicles with Service and Auxiliary passes will be permitted to access the service park. Auxiliary vehicles may only enter the service park to bring or collect personnel and/or equipment and only while no competition cars in the service park. Due to the restricted space in the service park, All trailers and tractor units must be removed to the dedicated truck parking area outside the Service Park. The exact location of the Trailer Park will be published in the Competitors section on the website.

There will be dedicated car parks for Auxiliary, Media, and Officials.

4.3.3 Power Generators

Generators are permitted in the Service Park however these must be super silent diesel or LPG. Generators must be fenced off to restrict access to competent personnel only.

4.3.4 Restrictions

It is forbidden under any circumstances to drill holes in the surface of the Service Park. Teams and competitors are asked to bring weights for tents and other items that need to be fastened.

4.4. Facilities at Service Park

Following facilities will be provided at various points around the service park:

- Public toilets
- Waste collection
- General security

Following paid services can be ordered from the Organisers by using the order form available in Competitors > Documents section on the website www.clubsuperstage.com.

- Additional service space (if available)
- Power supply
- Portable toilets at team service area
- Additional security services

4.5. Environmental Requirements

Washing

Washing of the cars inside the Service Park is prohibited at any time.

Groundsheet

All competitors must put in place a suitable size plastic groundsheet to cover the whole area where service work is being carried out. This groundsheet must be impervious to all fluids. Cleaning of the groundsheets must be done so that no materials are allowed to meet the ground surface.

Recycling and Waste

It is forbidden to spill any oil or wastewater on the ground in the Service Park. A special container for hazardous waste will be available in the Service Park.

Before leaving the Service Park after the rally (or possible retirement) each team must report to the Service Park Co-ordinator, who will check that their allocated area has been left in good condition.

4.6. Security

Starting from Wednesday 21 June until Saturday 24. Service Park will be open 24h with overnight security provided by the Organiser from 22.00 until 07.00.

However, the Organisers are not responsible for any losses, thefts, or damages etc – all items are left at their owner's risk.

If you require any additional private security on site, please contact the Service Park Manager.

4.7. Medical Care

A medical unit will be established in the Service Park on the corner of the Rijselstraat and Merghelynckstraat.

4.8. Recovery of the Retired Cars

In agreement with the team representative all retired cars can either be picked up by the team or upon agreement with the Recovery Officer the car can be brought back to Ypres. The Organiser will then contact the team representative for further agreements. **Recovery contact nr: +32 57 79 01 89.**

5. TWO-WAY RADIO COMMUNICATION

5.1. Contact Details

BIPT

Address: Ellipse Building C
Boulevard du Roi Albert II 35 box 1, 1030 Brussels, Belgium
Tel: +32 (0)2 226 88 51 88
E-mail: info@bipt.be
Website: www.bipt.be

6. HELICOPTERS

6.1. General

Only helicopters from the organisation are allowed to overfly the event area to guarantee the safety of the competitors and spectators.

Commercial helicopter flights are not authorised within the event area during Ardeca Ypres Rally Belgium (including Shakedown) and landing in the neighbourhood of the special stages will be sanctioned by the authorities.

A temporary restricted area will be published along the route, for which the organiser does not accept flights other than those necessary for the organisation of the rally.

6.2. Drones

No drones are permitted to fly within the event area during Ardeca Ypres Rally Belgium, except those authorised for TV coverage.

7. HOSPITALITY ARRANGEMENTS

There are commercial hospitality arrangements available. In case of any special requirements please contact: hospitality@ypresrally.com.

8. ACCOMMODATION

The Organiser has not pre-booked any hotels or other accommodation facilities.

For accommodation options please see <https://www.toerismeieper.be/en/sleeping>.

9. SHAKEDOWN

Thursday, 22 June 2023

18.00 Qualifying Stage
Approx. 20.00 Shakedown for all drivers

Location and Length

SD Nieuwkerke: 7,34 km
GPS coordinates: N 50°44.573' E 2°48.421'
Distance from Ypres: 24,79 km

Qualifying stage is open only to FIA Priority drivers and Gold entries. Qualifying stage consists out of 3 Qualifying runs.

A start list for Qualifying Stage will be published on Thursday 22 June at 13.00.

After the Qualifying Stage is finished, all other drivers can continue their Shakedown runs with one minute interval. Gold Entries are allowed to participate to the Shakedown after the cars are released from the Parc Fermé.

The non-Gold entries must register their participation to the shakedown on their entry form and pay an additional fee of EUR 50 for Shakedown participation.

- There will be a technical zone between the TC and the start of the Shakedown.
- According to RACB SR Art. 36.3, no passengers other than the co-driver of the entered crew are allowed inside the rally car during Shakedown.
- There will be a Service Park in Nieuwkerke village with competitor allocated areas. Only vehicles identified with SERVICE plate are allowed in the Service Park in Nieuwkerke.
- Due to the limited space trailers are not allowed in the Service Park of the Qualifying stage and Shakedown. Trucks longer than 10m are not allowed to leave Service Park of the Qualifying stage and Shakedown before 23.00.

10. ACCESSES AND IDENTIFICATION

All crews and team members are required to wear a badge delivered by the Organiser. The badges will be distributed to the team representative at the administrative checks.

11. PR ACTIVITIES

PR activities will be organised during the rally week.
More information will be sent to the participating teams in due time.

12. MEDIA

12.1. Contact Details before the Rally

Press Officer Mr Hugo Van Opstal
Ardeca Ypres Rally Tel: +32 (0)477 376 868
e-mail: media@ypresrally.com

Press Officer Mr Matt Cotton
British Rally Championship Tel:
e-mail:

12.2. Accreditation Procedure – Criteria and Deadlines

Accreditation for Media closes on Friday 16 June 2023.

The accreditation guidelines and criteria are published on the Ardeca Ypres Rally Belgium website:
<https://clubsuperstage.com/press/>.

Please read the following guidelines carefully and make sure all the information requested is supplied with your accreditation application and it is posted to the appropriate address.

Failure to supply the requested information, or to sign the disclaimer, will delay the processing of your application.

Accreditation provides access to the Media Centre and Media zones as well as the Special Stages.

News and information can be supplied free of charge before, during and after the rally to journalists and publications who are unable to attend or do not qualify for accreditation. If you need help with your application, please contact the Press Officer (contacts above).

12.3. Accreditation Desk and Media Room – Location and Opening Hours

Location: Novotel Ieper Centrum
Sint Jacobsstraat 15, 8900 Ypres
e-mail: media@ypresrally.com

Day	Date	Media accreditation	Media Centre
Wednesday	21 June	14.00 – 20.00	14.00 - 20.00
Thursday	22 June	10.00 – 20.00	10.00 - 20.00
Friday	23 June	09.00 – 11.00	09.00 - 22.00
Saturday	24 June	-	08.00 - 22.00

12.4. Press Conferences – Time and Location

Wednesday 21 June		
19.00	Event presentation for Media	Aarova Village, Minneplein, Ypres
Friday 23 June		
11.00	Pre-Rally Press Conference	Media Center
Saturday 24 June		
21.00	Post-Rally Press Conference	Media Center

12.5. Expected Media Coverage

National TV

Highlights on VRT Sporza, RTBF.
26' highlights on television worldwide (+100 countries in Europe, USA, Africa, Asia, Australia and Middle-East).
BRC Facebook Live from the Belgian Rally Championship from stage ends.
Regional TV: Focus WTV
National print media.
Daily reports in national newspapers.

13. MEDICAL AND SAFETY SERVICES

13.1. Emergency Numbers

Rally HQ +32 (0)57 79 01 99
Emergency Services 112

The Rally Emergency number will be printed on the backside of the timecards.

Hospitals

Jan Yperman Ziekenhuis Briekestraat 12, Ypres +32 (0)57 35 35 35

Police

Ypres Police Station Ter Waarde 54, Ypres +32 (0)57 23 05 00

14. LIST OF USEFUL FACTS AND SERVICES

14.1. Information about Belgium

Official name: The Kingdom of Belgium
Capital: Brussels

Population:	11,677,511 (Statistics from April 2022)
Official languages:	Dutch, French, German
Currency:	Euro
Area:	30,688 km ²
Land boundaries:	Total of 1.385 km (Netherlands to the north, Germany to the east, Luxembourg to the southeast, and France to the south)
Time zone:	Central European Summer Time (02:00 CET).
Sunrise:	22 June 2023 at 05.32
Sunset:	22 June 2023 at 22.08
Climate:	Belgium has a temperate maritime climate influenced by the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, with cool summers and moderate winters. Since the country is small there is little variation in climate from region to region, although the marine influences are less inland. Rainfall is distributed throughout the year with a dryer period from April to September. Sometimes easterly winds can cause a more continental type of weather being warm and dry in the summer.
Water:	The tap water is safe to drink.
Electricity:	The electric supply is 240 volts. Plugs and sockets are of a two-pin design.
Telephones:	The International prefix for outgoing calls is 00. The International prefix for incoming calls is +32, then delete the leading 0 in the area code.
Smoking:	Smoking is not permitted by law in enclosed public places and workplaces

Air travel

Airport

Aéroport de Lille (France)	47 km
Brussels National Airport	135 km
Brussels South Charleroi Airport	150 km

Distance to Rally HQ

Taxi companies

The following Taxi companies can be contacted directly:

Cheap Taxi	Tel: +32 (0)473 58 46 00 / 0800 62 660 (free)
S.B. Taxi	Tel: +32 (0)478 32 99 29
Taxi Leo	Tel: +32 (0)57 20 04 13

14.2. Driving in Belgium

Motorway tolls

There are no motorway tolls in Belgium.

Traffic rules

Drive on the right and overtake on the left-hand side of the road.

The driver and all passengers are required to always use front and rear seat belts.

It is illegal to use a hand-held mobile phone whilst driving.

The blood/alcohol limit in Belgium is 0.22mg per litre of breath or 0.5g per litre of blood. The police have the power to carry out random alcohol tests on drivers at any time and a blood sample will be taken if a driver refuses a breathalyser test. Drivers can request to wait 30 minutes before taking a breath test. A driver found to have more than the legal limit of alcohol is fined an amount that depends on the blood alcohol level and in some cases the driver's license may be confiscated immediately or for a period of a few hours.

Speed limits

Belgium operates its speed limits in kilometres per hour.

		Vitesse maximale autorisée Maximum speed limit Maximum toegelaten snelheid	Retrait du permis de conduire à partir de Withdrawal of driving licence as from Intrekking van het rijbewijs vanaf
	Autoroutes Motorways Autosnelwegen	120 Km/h	160 Km/h
	Routes publiques Public roads Openbare wegen	70 Km/h	110 Km/h
	Agglomérations Urban zones Bebouwde kommen	50 Km/h	90 Km/h
	Zone 30	30 Km/h	50 Km/h

