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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Welcome

For the first time in history, we are happy to welcome WRC, its' competitors and true rally fans to the biggest motor sport event in Flanders. Ypres 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 adds adrenaline to the event. In recent years, Ypres Rally has proven to be also one of the safest events in Europe.

Thanks to more than a thousand volunteers and the discipline of spectators, we are able to run a compact and well-timed rally. We are very proud to deliver this event on time and give all rally fans an opportunity to enjoy a fantastic weekend.

Ypres, where it all began on January 18 in 1964. That night the Ypres Market Square hosted a time control as part of the liaison of the Rallye Monte-Carlo. 56 years later, we are glad to welcome WRC in Ypres.

2020 Edition

Rally HQ and Race Control will be located in the City Centre, just a few steps from the main square. Novotel will once again be hosting the Media Centre. The Service Park will be located, as always, on the Town Square of Ypres and on the surrounding streets. It will be the only Service Park used during the rally.

The route consists mostly of twisty tarmac farming lanes, challenging to both cars and crews. The total distance of the rally is about 900 km. In total, 23 special stages will cover about 266 km.

Time slot for Ypres Rally has always been June. This year however, due to unforeseen circumstances, the competitors will have a chance to enjoy Ypres stages in late autumn time. The official start of the rally will take place at Ypres Town Square on Friday 20 November. The rally runs from Friday through Saturday within a 30 kilometre radius of Ypres before moving to the area of Spa in Wallonia early Sunday morning. Power Stage and finish podium will be taking place in the legendary Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps.

There will be 9 special stages on Friday including 5 unique stages, 4 that will be driven twice and 1 that will be driven once. Saturday will have 10 special stages including 5 unique stages that will be driven twice. Sunday will finish the rally with another 4 stages – 1 stage that will be driven twice and 2 stages that will be driven once. The Podium Ceremony will be held on Sunday at the F1 podium in the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps.

In this Rally Guide Two, 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.

Renties Ypres Rally Belgium
Organising Team

This document has no regulatory power - for information only.

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.
- Neutralise our carbon footprint by planting a tree for every participant.
- Significantly reduce traffic in the city centre during the rally weekend by introducing a hop-on-hop-off train.

1.2. Project “Planet 22” by the Organiser

Having been launched a couple years ago, the label “Planet 22” has been gaining popularity among rally fans in Belgium. “Planet 22” is an innovative global plan which main goal is to prove that sustainable development and mobility can be perfectly implemented in the rally world on an international level.

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

Superstage, the Organiser of Renties 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 in order 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 cups and bottles was significantly increased, but also the number of garbage bags along the stages, and not only at spectator points.

Next to sustainability, mobility is an important subject to tackle as an organisation. In order to reduce the number of cars in the city centre, a hop-on hop-off train will be used, connecting the various parking spots on the outskirts of Ypres and the rally centre on the Market Place.

Superstage also has a responsibility to raise awareness of its spectators and volunteers to drive “smart”. In order to do so, a road book was set up over a route of almost 200 kilometres along the historic spots of the Ypres Rally that began in 1965. This has been made into a competition – the FIA Smart Driving Challenge. Thanks to a tracker installed in the car, a score is given based on the driving style while tips and tricks are given at the end of each ride. In order to promote smart, safe & environmentally friendly driving, the road book is only available with the FIA Smart Driving Challenge Smartbox and its activation code.

Ultimately, Superstage has decided to neutralise the CO₂-emissions of its events. In consultation with the town councils, the Organiser is planting one tree per participant.

In summary “Planet 22” is an innovative and ambitious sustainable development and mobility plan presented by the Organiser of Renties Ypres Rally Belgium. With the entire project financed by the organisation itself, it reinforces the uniqueness of the project.



1.3. COVID-19 requirements

At the start of 2020, the world went on lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All events were either cancelled or postponed while the Renties Ypres Rally Belgium was rescheduled for the middle of November.

The Organisers of Renties Ypres Rally Belgium have one clear objective – to raise awareness of spectators, competitors and co-workers of the event. In order to avoid any further circulation of the COVID-19 virus, several measures have been implemented by the government and strict rules have been set by the Organiser. Several subjects have been tackled, while some were already implemented in the past. Those include not only online ticket sales, the use of face masks and hydro-alcoholic gels but also constant communication of safety measures.

Next to the current Rally Guide, additional regulations related to COVID-19 requirements will be published week 44. This will contain information concerning the requirements involved in the safety measures, but also additional measures that will be implemented by the Organiser.

The aim of these changes is to apply with the measures set by Belgian government as well as by FIA Appendix S "Covid Code" to adapt the approach of competitors, teams and rally fans in the past while remaining supportive in order to avoid any further circulation of the virus.

2. PROGRAMME AND CRITICAL DEADLINES

2.1. Schedule before the rally week

Tuesday 8 September		
	Rally Guide One published	www.ypresrally.com
Friday 25 September		
	Supplementary Regulations published	www.ypresrally.com
	Opening date for entries	https://registrations.fia.com/wrcbel
	International Media accreditations open National Media accreditation opens	FIA www.ypresrally.com
Thursday 1 October		
	Closing date for entries at reduced fee	https://registrations.fia.com/wrcbel
Wednesday 21 October		
	Closing date for entries	https://registrations.fia.com/wrcbel
	Closing date for National media accreditation	www.ypresrally.com
Monday 26 October		
	Road Book and Route Map available	www.ypresrally.com
	Rally Guide 2 published	www.ypresrally.com
	Covid-19 measurers for teams published	www.ypresrally.com
Wednesday 28 October		
	Closing date for international media accreditation	FIA
	Closing date for TV and international radio accreditation	WRC Promotor
	Media Safety Book published	www.ypresrally.com
	Closing date for FIA fuel orders	mehmet.basar@total.com
	Closing date for tyre orders	See contacts FIA WRC SR Art 14.1.1.
	Closing date for Service Park facilities order	service.park@ypresrally.com
	Closing date for ordering Extra Material	service.park@ypresrally.com
Monday 2 November		
	Publication of entry list with allocated competition numbers	www.ypresrally.com
	Closing date for submitting Service area request form	service.park@ypresrally.com
	Closing date for reconnaissance only application	office@ypresrally.com
Saturday 14 November		
14.00	Service Park opens for Manufacturers	Only Grote Markt, Ypres

2.2. Schedule during the rally week

Tuesday 17 November		
08:00	Rally HQ open (see SR Art. 3.3)	Neermarkt 9, 8900 Ypres
08:00	Rally Office open	Korte Meersstraat 6, 8900 Ypres
08:00 - 18:00	Registration for Reconnaissance Administrative Checks	Rally Office

	Collection of Materials & Documents	P1 and P2 competitors – only by appointment to macarena.delsante@ypresrally.com
08:00 - 18:00	Collection of reconnaissance trackers	SAS truck, Service Park, Ypres
Wednesday 18 November		
07:45 - 08:30	Recce material collection	Remote Rally Office, Circuit de Francorchamps
07:45 - 08:30	Collection of reconnaissance trackers	Remote Rally Office, Circuit de Francorchamps
08:15 - 18:00	Reconnaissance Day 1	See Reconnaissance schedule
08:00	Service Park open for All Competitors	Service Park, Ypres
09:00 - 18:00	Collection of FIA WRC Safety trackers rally cars	SAS truck, Service Park, Ypres
10:00	Media Accreditation and Media Centre open	Novotel, Sint-Jacobsstraat 15, Ypres
14:00	Helicopter pilots briefing	Video conference Link to be sent by e-mail
17:00 - 23:00	Wednesday test available for P2, P3, P4 and Non-priority competitors	Boezinge
18:00 - 21:30	Scrutineering for Manufacturer entries	Team service area in the Service Park, Ypres
21:00	Competitor Safety Briefing in English	Video conference Link to be sent by e-mail
21:30	Competitor Safety Briefing in Dutch	Video conference Link to be sent by e-mail
Thursday 19 November		
07:00 - 17:00	Scrutineering – Sealing & Marking of Components for P2, P3, P4, R-GT and Non-priority competitors	Garage Lagrou, Pilkemseweg 117, Ypres
09:00 - 17:00	Reconnaissance Day 2	See Reconnaissance schedule
16:00	Team Managers Meeting	Video conference Link to be sent by e-mail
16:00 - 19:00	Return of reconnaissance trackers	SAS truck, Service Park, Ypres
17:00	FIA Photographers safety briefing	Zoom meeting Details TBC
17:00	Publication of Start List for Shakedown Publication of Start List for Section 1	Digital ONB
18:00 - 23:00	Thursday test available for P2, P3, P4 and Non-priority competitors	Nieuwkerke
19:00 - 19:30 19:00 19:10 19:20	FIA Pre-Event Press Conference <i>FIA Junior WRC</i> <i>FIA WRC2/WRC3</i> <i>FIA WRC</i>	Online, link TBC
Friday 20 November		
08:00	Re-scrutineering	Service Park, Ypres
08:31 - 10:00	Shakedown P1 and invited competitors	SD Langemark
10:01 - 11:00	Shakedown for Priority	SD Langemark
13:10	Rally start	Podium, Ypres
23:20	Finish of Section 2 (estimated time of 1 st car)	Parc Fermé, Ypres
Saturday 21 November		
01:00	Publication of Start List for Section 3	Digital ONB
08:40	Start time Section 3	Parc Fermé, Ypres
19:47	Finish of Section 4 (estimated time of 1 st car)	Parc Fermé, Ypres



22:00	Publication of Start List for Section 5	Digital ONB
Sunday 22 November		
05:50	Start time Section 5	Parc Fermé, Ypres
12:00 - 16:00	Return of FIA WRC Safety trackers rally cars	SAS remote unit, Circuit de Francorchamps
12:18	Start Power Stage	Pitlane box 6, Circuit de Francorchamps WRX
13:30	Finish Podium Ceremony	WRX Podium, Circuit de Francorchamps
Immediately after podium	Final Scrutineering	Campus Francorchamps, Circuit de Francorchamps
15:15	FIA Post-Event Press Conference	Media Room, Circuit de Francorchamps
16:00	Publication of Provisional Classification	Digital ONB

3. ENTRY DETAILS

3.1. Entry packages for non- FIA registered teams

	Private entries	Junior entries
Service area size		
Service area	60 m ²	50 m ²
Car plates		
Service plate	1	1
Passes		
Team passes	2	2
Documents		
Supplementary Regulations	Available at www.ypresrally.com	
Road Books sets	1	1
Route Maps	1	1
Rally Programme	1	1
Rally Guide 1	Available at www.ypresrally.com	
Rally Guide 2	Available at www.ypresrally.com	
Results	Available at www.ypresrally.com	
Additional materials		
Additional Auxiliary plate	€ 250 excl 21% VAT	
Extra set of Roadbooks	€ 70 excl 21% VAT	

Additional Service space for All competitors will be rated at 30 €/m² (excl VAT).

4. SERVICE PARK

4.1. General information

Location

Service park is situated in the town centre of Ypres, with the length of 2 km. The surface is predominantly asphalt.

GPS coordinates for the main square (Grote Markt): N 50 51.052 E 2 53.146

Manufacturers and other championship entrants will be allocated a designated space in accordance with 2020 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.



Private and Junior entries will be allocated 60 m² and 50 m² accordingly.

Service Park will open:

Date and time	Location	Teams
Saturday 14 Nov from 14:00	Grote Markt	Manufacturer teams
Tuesday 17 Nov from 23:00	Oudstrijderslaan	TBC
Thursday 19 Nov from 23:00	Rijselstraat	TBC

General security service will be provided on site from Tuesday 17 November until Sunday 22 November.

Service Park manager

Evelien Deschuytter

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E-mail: service.park@ypresrally.com

4.1.1 Traffic movements

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

Teams may bring their service/auxiliary and recce car vehicles into the service park, as long as they can park them within their designated area. Otherwise these vehicles must be taken to the auxiliary parking located close to the service park. Any parking of team vehicles outside their designated area in the Service Park is strictly prohibited.

4.1.2 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. Private teams will not be given any auxiliary plates. All trailers and tractor units must be removed to the dedicated truck parking area outside the Service Park. There will be dedicated car parks for Auxiliary, Tabard Media, Media and Officials.

4.2. Facilities at service park

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

- Toilets
- Waste Removal / Hazardous Waste Collection
- Water
- Lighting
- Wi-Fi - Access details will be provided on site
- Car Wash (Located outside the Service Park)
- Security

Following can be provided through the organisers:

- Private Toilets (Manufacturers will be provided as per WRC regulations)
- Waste Removal
- Private Water Supply (May be available, must be booked in advance)
- Power Supply (see more details hereunder)
- Ballast
- Additional security services
- Forklift services
- Crowd barriers / fencing
- Extra service area space

All WRC priority teams (except Manufacturers) will be allocated a service area space of 10m x 10m. Space within the Service Park is extremely limited, and the maximum 10 metres depth cannot be extended.



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.

No petrol generators are permitted on the site at any time!

4.3. Service Park content

Further details about the service will be published latest by 1 November.

4.4. Environmental requirements

A car wash facility will be available near the Service Park. Washing cars within the Service Park is prohibited at any time. Wheels and other parts may be washed in the designated wash bays set up within the Service Park.

All competitors must put in place a suitable size plastic ground sheet to cover the whole area where service work is being carried out. This ground sheet must be impervious to all fluids. Cleaning of the ground sheets must be done so that no materials are allowed to come into contact with the ground surface. All waste material must be disposed of in the facilities provided at the service park.

4.5. Covid-19 health requirements

Additional regulations in relation with the Covid-19 requirements will be published week 44 in the Competitor section on the website. This will contain information concerning all the changes involved in the safety measures, but also additional measures that will be implemented by the organisation.

5. TWO-WAY RADIO COMMUNICATION

The approved GSM (mobile) telephones are exempted from licensing. License for another radio transmitter must be applied for at the Belgian authority in charge:

B.I.P.T.
Ellipse Building, Building C
Boulevard du Roi Albert II 35 B, 1030 Brussels, Belgium
Tel: +32 (0)2 226 88 88

Any infringement of the law will render the brochers liable for legal procedures and if their frequencies interfere with the Organisation network, immediate sanctions will be requested.

6. HELICOPTERS

Only helicopters from the organization are allowed to overfly the area of the event in order to guarantee the safety of the spectators, competitors and live TV coverage.

Commercial helicopter flights are not authorized within the rally area during Renties Ypres Rally Belgium and landing in the neighbourhood of the special stages will be sanctioned by the authorities

6.1. Drones

No drones are permitted to fly anywhere on the event, except those authorised for TV coverage.

7. HOSPITALITY ARRANGEMENTS

There will be no commercial hospitality arrangements available.

In case of any special requirements please contact: hospitality@ypresrally.com

8. ACCOMMODATION

Organiser has pre booked list of hotels and other accommodation facilities in Ypres town and its surroundings for teams, competitors, media and sponsors. These can be booked via our accommodation coordinator. Please make your reservation in time.

For further information please contact: accommodation@ypresrally.com

9. SHAKEDOWN

9.1. Schedule

Shakedown for priority drivers will take place on Friday 20 November according to following schedule:

P1 and other drivers as requested 08:31 – 10:00
 All Priority competitors 10:01 – 11:00

9.1.1 Location:

SD Langemark 9,81 km
 Distance from Ypres: 7 km

All P1 competitors and other drivers as invited will be required to complete their first passage of Shakedown in order of Championship classification and at an interval as determined by the Organiser in consultation with the FIA and WRC Promoter.

A start list for this first passage will be published on Thursday 19 November at 17:00.

At the conclusion of these fixed passages, P1 competitors and other drivers as invited will be able to continue their Shakedown runs with one minute intervals.

9.2. Wednesday and Thursday test

For P2, P3, P4,R-GT and Non-priority competitors there will be optional tests organised as follows:

- Wednesday 18 November 17:00 - 23:00 in Boezinge
- Thursday 19 November 18:00 - 23:00 in Nieuwkerke *

* In case of any delay at scrutineering, the technical checks take priority over any participation in the Thursday test stage.

Location:

Test stage	Length	Distance from Ypres
Boezinge	6,82 km	5 km
Nieuwkerke	5,37 km	18 km

Registration:

Registration form is available in the Competitors section on the website www.ypresrally.com.

Registration form must be sent latest by Friday 6 November to macarena.delsante@ypresrally.com

Payment details:

Date and time	Group	Time	Registration fee
Wednesday 18 November	Boezinge A	17:00 - 23:00	€ 200
	Boezinge B	19:00 - 23:00	€ 100
Thursday 19 November	Nieuwkerke A	18:00 - 23:00	€ 200
	Nieuwkerke B	20:00 - 23:00	€ 100

The registration fee payable in euros (€) must be paid by bank transfer to following bank account:

Account holder: Superstage vzw
 IBAN nr: BE77 3200 0624 4042
 BIC code: BBRUBEBB
 Name of the bank: ING Belgie
 Address of the bank: Avenue Marnix 24, 1000 Brussels



- The payment must include all charges involved with the transfer.
 - Please ensure that the last name of the driver and “**RYR 2020 Test fee Boezinge A or B / Nieuwkerke A or B**” are included as a reference on the bank transfer document.
- The payment may also be done during the administrative checks in cash.

10. PR Activities TBC

Thursday 19 November		
17:30 - 18:15	TOYOTA GAZOO Racing WRT	online
18:00 - 18:45	M-Sport Ford World Rally Team	online
18:30 - 19:15	Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team	online

11. MEDIA

11.1. Contact details before the rally

Hugo Van Opstal
 National Press Officer
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 E-mail: media@ypresrally.com

11.2. Accreditation procedure – Criteria and deadlines

The accreditation guidelines and criteria are published on the Renties Ypres Rally Belgium website:
www.ypresrally.com/media/accreditation

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.

Wednesday 23 September		
	International Media accreditations open National Media accreditation opens	FIA www.ypresrally.com
	Media accreditation opens	Rally office
Wednesday 21 October		
	Closing date for National media accreditation	www.ypresrally.com
Wednesday 28 October		
	Closing date for international media accreditation	FIA

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:

Position	Name	Telephone	e-mail
National Press Officer	Hugo Van Opstal	+32 477 37 68 68	hugo.vanopstal@ypresrally.com

11.3. Accreditation desk and Media room – location and opening hours

Location : Novotel Ieper Centrum
Sint Jacobsstraat 15, 8900 Ypres
Tel : +32 (0)56 89 43 92
E-mail: media@ypresrally.com

Day	Date	Media accreditation	Media room
Wednesday	18 November	10:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 18:00
Thursday	19 November	10:00 - 20:00	10:00 - 20:00
Friday	20 November	-	09:00 - 00:00
Saturday	21 November	-	09:00 - 22:00
Sunday	22 November	-	08:00 - 17:00
Sunday	22 November	-	08:00 - 17:00 *

* In Ypres and Francorchamps

11.4. Press Conferences – time and location

Thursday 19 November		
19:00 - 19:30	FIA Pre-Event Press Conference	Online
19:00	FIA Junior WRC	
19:10	FIA WRC2/WRC3	
19:20	FIA WRC	
Sunday 22 November		
15:15	FIA Post-Event Press Conference	Media Room, Circuit de Francorchamps

11.5. Teams' Media contacts

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11.6. Expected media coverage

WRC TV

52' Renties Ypres Rally Belgium Presentation
26' Daily Highlights Friday
26' Daily Highlights Saturday
26' Daily Highlights Sunday
52' Renties Ypres Rally Belgium Recap
Live Stages: Shakedown (Facebook) / several stages / Power Stage

Live stages on RTBF Auvio.

WRC+ All Live

Every special stage live online on WRC+ All Live.
Interviews, analyses from the Media Zone & Service Park in Ypres.

National TV

Live Stages on RTBF & RTBF Auvio.
Highlights on VRT Sporza, RTBF
26' Highlights TV-show in +150 countries.
BRC Facebook Live from the Belgian Rally Championship from stage ends.
Regional TV: Focus WTV

Rally Radio

All day live interviews, stage times and reactions on W Radio (online and 105 FM, Roeselare 106.3 FM).

National print media.
Daily reports in national newspapers.

12. MEDICAL AND SAFETY SERVICES

12.1. Emergency numbers

Rally HQ +32 56 89 43 90
Emergency Services 112

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

Hospital

Jan Yperman Ziekenhuis	Briekestraat 12, Ypres	+32 (0)57 35 35 35
Hospital Centre R. Astod	Rue Devant les Religieuses 2, Malmedy	+32 (0)80 79 31 11
CHU de Liège	Av. de L'Hôpital 1, 4000 Liège	+32 (0)42 42 52 11

Police

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

Depannage Rik bvba	Meenseweg 420, Ypres	+32 (0)57 36 07 83
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Pharmacies

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13. LIST OF USEFUL FACTS AND SERVICES**13.1. General information****Climate**

Belgium has a temperate maritime climate influenced by the North Sea and 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, warm and dry in the summer, but cold and clear in the winter with temperatures sometimes far below zero.

Belgium is a flat country and has often breezy conditions, although more in the winter than in the summer, and more among the coastal areas than inland. In the eastern regions hills cause a cooler and wetter climate with more rainfall and sometimes snowfall in the winter.

The climate of Belgium can be classified as Cfb Climate; a warm temperate humid climate with the warmest month lower than 22°C above average and four or more months above 10°C above average.

Time zone

Central European Winter Time (UTC+1).

Currency

Euro – EUR, divided into 100 cents.

13.2. Facilities

The tap water is safe to drink.

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 in Belgium.

Air travel**Airport**

Aéroport de Lille (F)

Brussels National Airport

Brussels South Charleroi Airport

Distance to Rally HQ

47 km

135 km

150 km

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

Security companies

Euro Protection Guard

Tel: +32 (0)56 29 59 81

www.europrotectionguard.com

13.3. Driving in Belgium**Motorway tolls**

There are no motorway tolls in Belgium.

Seat belts

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

Speed limits

Belgium operates its speed limits in kilometres per hour.

There are other limits indicated by traffic signs.

Traffic rules

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

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

The blood/alcohol limit in Belgium is 0.5 milligrams of alcohol 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.

		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
	Aglomérations Urban zones Bebouwde kernen	50 Km/h	90 Km/h
	Zone 30	30 Km/h	50 Km/h