UCI 2026 MASTERS CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS VARESE ITALY

TECHNICAL GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

This Document provides the information needed for riders and helpers participating in the 2026 UCI Masters Cyclo-Cross World Championships, for the 2026-2027 UCI Cyclo-Cross Season

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DATE

27th - 28th - 29th
November 2026

VENUE

Ippodromo di Varese
Viale Ippodromo, 27
21100 - Varese

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WELCOME TO VARESE

Beautiful, accessible, unforgettable

Varese is a popular place to visit and equally ideal for business trips and holidays. Surrounded by glacial lakes and verdant countryside, Varese offers a seemingly infinite wealth of historic villas, enchanting gardens and evocative, breathtaking landscapes.

Varese is just a short drive from Milan on the road to Switzerland. Favourably positioned at the start of several alpine valleys and two major routes to the Simplon and Gotthard Passes, the city is easily accessible from many directions, even by air as Milan-Malpensa airport is only thirty minutes away. Varese first became renowned as a tourist destination back in the 17th century partly because of the glorious countryside and partly because of its spectacular architecture and stunning works of art.

During the 19th century Varese really came into its own and many Art Nouveau hotels and villas were built, which added to the city's unique, delightful appeal.

By the start of the 20th century the city of Varese and the entire surrounding province had become the architectural, artistic, social and cultural heart of the Art Nouveau movement in Italy.



GETTING TO VARESE:

BY CAR

From Milan A8 Highway – Exit Varese center

BY TRAIN

Milano Cadorna station to Varese - 50/60 minutes

BY PLANE

Malpensa International Airport 23 km – 30 minutes

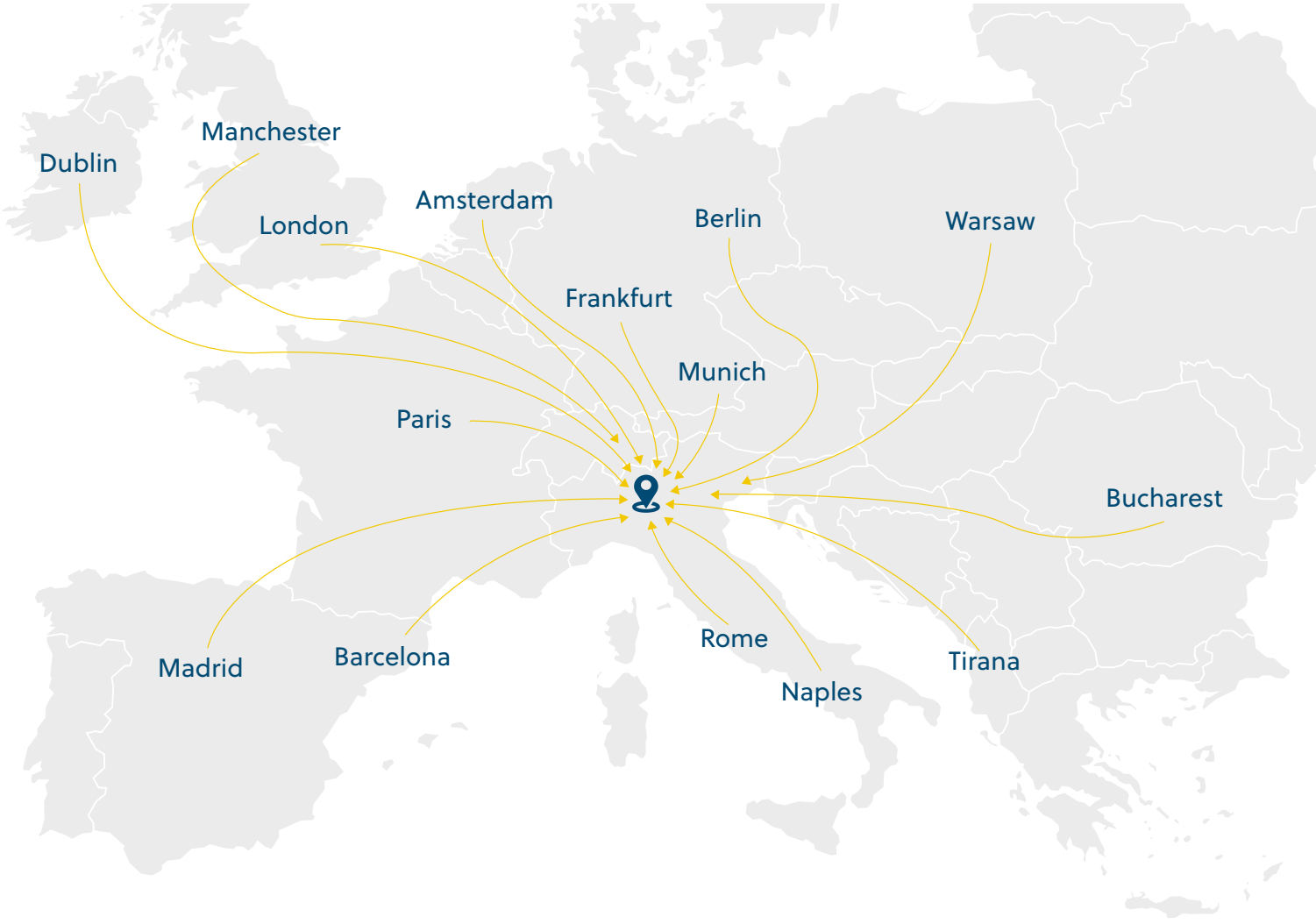


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MASTERS RIDERS CATEGORIES

Daily licenses are not accepted, for participation at the UCI Masters Cyclo-Cross World Championships.

The championships are organized in 5 years age groups: 35-39, 40-44, etc. Age groups will be combined when less than 6 riders enter an age group. In case of combined age, title for the respective 5 years age groups will be awarded (even when only 1 rider is entered.)

CATEGORY		YEAR OF BIRTH
Women and Men Masters	35 - 39 years	1988 to 1992
Women and Men Masters	40 - 44 years	1983 to 1987
Women and Men Masters	45 - 49 years	1978 to 1982
Women and Men Masters	50 - 54 years	1973 to 1977
Women and Men Masters	55 - 59 years	1968 to 1972
Women and Men Masters	60 - 64 years	1963 to 1967
Women and Men Masters	65 - 69 years	1958 to 1962
Women and Men Masters	70 - 74 years	1953 to 1957
Women and Men Masters	75 - 79 years	1948 to 1952
Women and Men Masters	80 + years	1947 and before

COMPETITORS SELECTION

Each rider respecting the standards of points 1 and 3 may entry the 2026 UCI Masters Cyclo-Cross World Championships under his/her own responsibility. There is no maximum quota per Nation. The registration is individual.

RULES

PARTICIPATION IN UCI MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The category which will be applied for entries to races for the entire season is the category to which the rider will belong on 1 January of the following calendar years.

MASTERS:

All riders aged 35 and over may ride in the masters world championships. However, the following riders are not eligible:

1. Any rider who has ridden in the UCI cyclo-cross world championships, continental championships or UCI cyclo-cross world cup during the current year.
2. Any rider who has been a member, during the current cyclo-cross season, of a team registered with the UCI.
3. Any rider classified with at least 100 points in the UCI individual cyclo-cross ranking published after the first UCI cyclo-cross world cup event of the current cyclo-cross season.

Only license holders may take part in the Masters World Championships. A race number is only issued on presentation of the license.

EQUIPMENT

Bicycle Dimensions: The bicycle must not excceed 185 cm in length and 50 cm in width

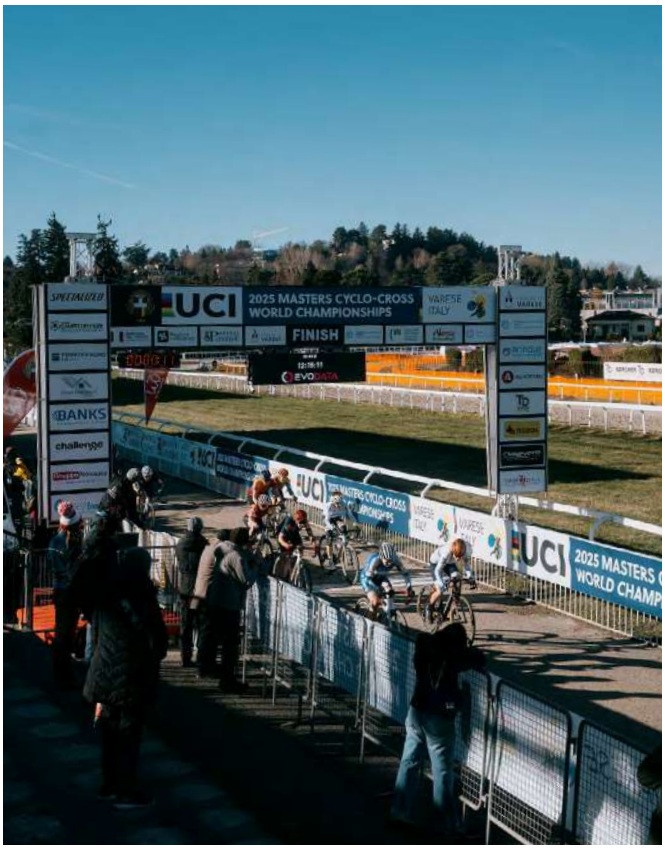
Tyres: The width of the tyres, measured at their widest point, must not exceed 33 mm. The use of tyres fitted with spikes or studs is prohibited.

Brakes: Both wheels must be equipped with brakes. Disc brakes are permitted during both training sessions and competitions.

Helmet: The wearing of a rigid protective helmet is mandatory during both traing sessions and competitions.

UCI approval of frames and wheels: All frames and wheels used must be approved by the UCI in accordance with Article 1.3.001 bis, as referenced in Prt V- Cyclo-cross of the regulations.

Equipment information: Further information regarding approved frames and wheels is available in the Equipment section of the official UCI website: www.uci.org/equipment





RIDERS REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION

HOW?

Only internet registrations received by midnight (GMT) on Wednesday 25th November are valid, **no last-minute registration on site will be accepted.**

Register at: www.endu.net/it/events/uci-masters-cyclo-cross-world-championships/info

All races are limited to a maximum of 150 riders. A system of waiting list is organised in order to manage a high demand and a fair and even distribution per nation. Thus, the entry confirmation will be sent to the requesting riders afterwards.

WHEN?

Registration closes on 25th November.

RIDERS CONFIRMATION AT THE VENUE

WHAT?

All riders must show up at the time of the rider's confirmation to ensure their participation.
The license check by commissaires is mandatory. All riders must have a valid racing licence with a UCI Code.
The riders will receive Accreditation and Pit Passes when they pick up their numbers.

WHEN, WHERE, WHO?

RACE DAY	CATEGORIES
Friday 27th November	Training session Team Relay
Saturday 28th November	Women 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75+ (40 minutes) Men 55-59 (40 minutes) Men 60-64 (40 minutes) Men 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+ (40 minutes)
Sunday 29th November	Women 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54 (50 minutes) Men 35-39, 40-44, 40-49, 50-54 (50 minutes) S.O/I.D. (30 minutes)

START ORDER / RACE NUMBERS

START ORDER

The start order will be made for each category by drawing lot following the process as directed by the UCI and supervised by Race Director

RACE NUMBERS

The race number will be attributed by the Organization committee of the 2026 UCI Masters Cyclo-cross World Championships.

START PROCEDURES

Riders should report to the Call-Up Area no later than 15 minutes before the start of their race in order for the Jury to undertake clothing and machine compliance checks.

Where mixed categories have the same start time, please proceed to the call-up area allocated to your category.

TRAINING SESSIONS

Only riders that have an accepted entry are allowed to participate in Training Sessions and in accordance with the times published in the Race Schedule.

Entry to the course for training shall only be from the Course Entry Point indicated on the Course Map.





PROGRAMME

27 Friday

12:00 - 13:00
License check for riders competing in the Team relay
Commissaire Course Inspection/Technical Testing

13:00 - 14:00
Open training session

14:00 - 15:00
Team Relay

16:00 - 17:30
License check exclusively for riders competing on Saturday

28 Saturday

9:00
Gates open

9:00 - 11:00
License check exclusively for riders competing on Saturday

11:00 - 12:00
Training session (Men 55+, Women 55+ only)

12:15
UCI Master Cyclo-Cross World Championship Women 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75+ (40 mins)

13:30
UCI Master Cyclo-Cross World Championship Men 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+ (40 mins)

14:20
UCI Master Cyclo-Cross World Championship Men 60-64 (40 minutes)

15:10
UCI Master Cyclo-Cross World Championship Men 55-59 (40 minutes)

15:45 - 16:30
Training session for all Sunday riders

16:00
UCI Award Ceremony

16:00 - 17:30
License check for Sunday riders

Cyclo-Cross party
Fun and Food

PROGRAMME

29th Sunday

7:00
Gates open

7:30 - 11:00
Registration open for Sunday morning riders only

8:00 - 08:45
Open training session

9:00
UCI Master Cyclo-Cross World Championship Women 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, (50 mins)

10:15
UCI Master Cyclo-Cross World Championship Men 50-54 (50 mins)

11:30 - 12:00
Open training session (Men's only)

12:15
UCI Master Cyclo-Cross World Championship Men 45-49 (50 mins)

13:30
UCI Master Cyclo-Cross World Championship Men 40-44 (50 mins)

14:45
UCI Master Cyclo-Cross World Championship Men 35-39 (50 mins)

16:00 - 16:15
Training session Special Olympics

16:30 - 17:00
Special Olympics Cycling event

17:00
UCI Master Cyclo-Cross World Championship Award Ceremony

SIDE EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS IN VARESE

Shows, Christmas light show, live music, concerts, art exhibitions, Christmas markets and much more. Christmas in Varese is full of events, from the city centre to the neighbourhoods.

GUIDED TOURS OF VARESE'S CITY HIGHLIGHTS

www.comune.varese.it

THE CHARM OF PALAZZO ESTENSE

A Special opening of Palazzo Estense to the public, featuring an audiovisual tour of the Palazzo and Estensi Gardens, allowing visitors to independently visit the civic and cultural spaces of the Municipality of Varese. Visitors, equipped with headphones or earphones and an internet-connected device, will be able to immerse themselves and digitally discover the secrets of various spaces within the palace (Estense Hall, Wedding Hall, etc., and Estensi Gardens).
The 30-minute tour, available in Italian and English, five stages, each with audiovisual content lasting 4-5 minutes.
Free and without reservation.

GUIDED TOURS IN VARESE

Two guided tours in English of Varese's historic center, departing from the Estensi Gardens, accompanied by a guide.
Each group can consist of up to 30 participants.
Free, reservations required on Eventbrite.





GUIDED TOURS OF FAI RESIDENCES AND EXHIBITIONS

www.fondoambiente.it/scopri-la-provincia-di-varese-con-il-fai

Free guided tours of Villa Panza (upon purchase of a ticket) for participants in the UCI Master Cyclo-Cross World Championship.



GUIDED TOURS BY THE ASSOCIATION "LA VARESE NASCOSTA"

CLIMBING THE CIVIC TOWER in Piazza Monte Grappa



OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

The following points apply to the official ceremonies.

2026 World Champion, as well as the second and the third placed riders shall be ready for the official ceremony that shall be conducted under the responsibility of the president of the commissaries panel.

Riders shall appear in racing attire.

The first three riders receive gold, silver and bronze medals.



The UCI Masters Cyclo-Cross World Champion jersey is **to be worn during masters cyclo-cross races of the corresponding category only.**



Wearing this jersey during other category's or discipline races is forbidden and may be punish with a fine of 2.000 CHF.

COMMISSAIRES' PANEL

President	Poole Ian
Commissaire (Coordinator)	Maggioni Ernesto
Commissaire	D 'Isepp Marco
Commissaire	Tosti Diego
Finish Commissaire	Zanella Sabrina
Secretary	Disarelli Emanuela

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President of S.C. Alfredo Binda	Renzo Oldani
Event Director	Alessandro Cottini
Finance Director	Pierclemente Gino
Administrative Manager	Roberto Bistoletti
Legal Office	Alberto Caleffi
Race Director	Alessia Della Valle, Igor Giaron
D.O.F.	Luca Calderara
Safety & Security Manager	Paolo Cortelezzi, Michele Castelletti
Infrastrucutures Manager	Vittorio Ballerio
Accomodation Services	Varese Convention & Visitors Bureau
Registration Online Services – Results Services	Evodata Platform
Lead Medic	Carlo Guardascione, Giulio Clerici
Medical Center - Doping Control	Claudio Bernasconi, Croce Rossa Varese
Jury/Rules	Alberto Maffi
Venue Team	Graziano Bonalda, Samuel Mazzucchelli, Gabriele Cantele, Enrico Sculco, Alessandro Schirosi, Paolo Soster, Giuseppe Mantello, Ra ffaele Malanchin Fabrizio Arienti Ivo Benedetti Giuseppe Basso

Communication – Marketing	Benedetta Frattini, Michele Castelletti
Ceremonial Manager	Simona Bernasconi, Anna Pezzi, Elena Ermoli
Press Office	Sergio Gianoli
Branding & Website	Get-s Communication Agency

OFFICIALS

Mayor of Varese	Davide Galimberti
President of the Lombardy Region	Attilio Fontana
President of the Province of Varese	Marco Magrini
President Chamber of Commerce	Mauro Vitiello

USEFUL ADDRESSES

HOSPITAL

Ospedale di Circolo
Viale Luigi Borri, 57

10 Minutes by car
Distance is 4km from the event site

Phone: + 39 0332 278111
Emergency : 112





VENUE

Ippodromo di Varese – Viale Ippodromo, 27 – 21100 Varese (VA)
The Ippodromo di Varese (Racecourse) is located a few minutes from downtown.

In 2008 it was the headquarter of the UCI Road World Championships Varese 2008.







The area is 170.000 square meters and the race course, with all the required structures, will be placed inside the area

2 grandstands capable of accommodating 15.000 spectators

4 car parks with 2.000 parking spaces

Restaurant and snack bar

Children's playground

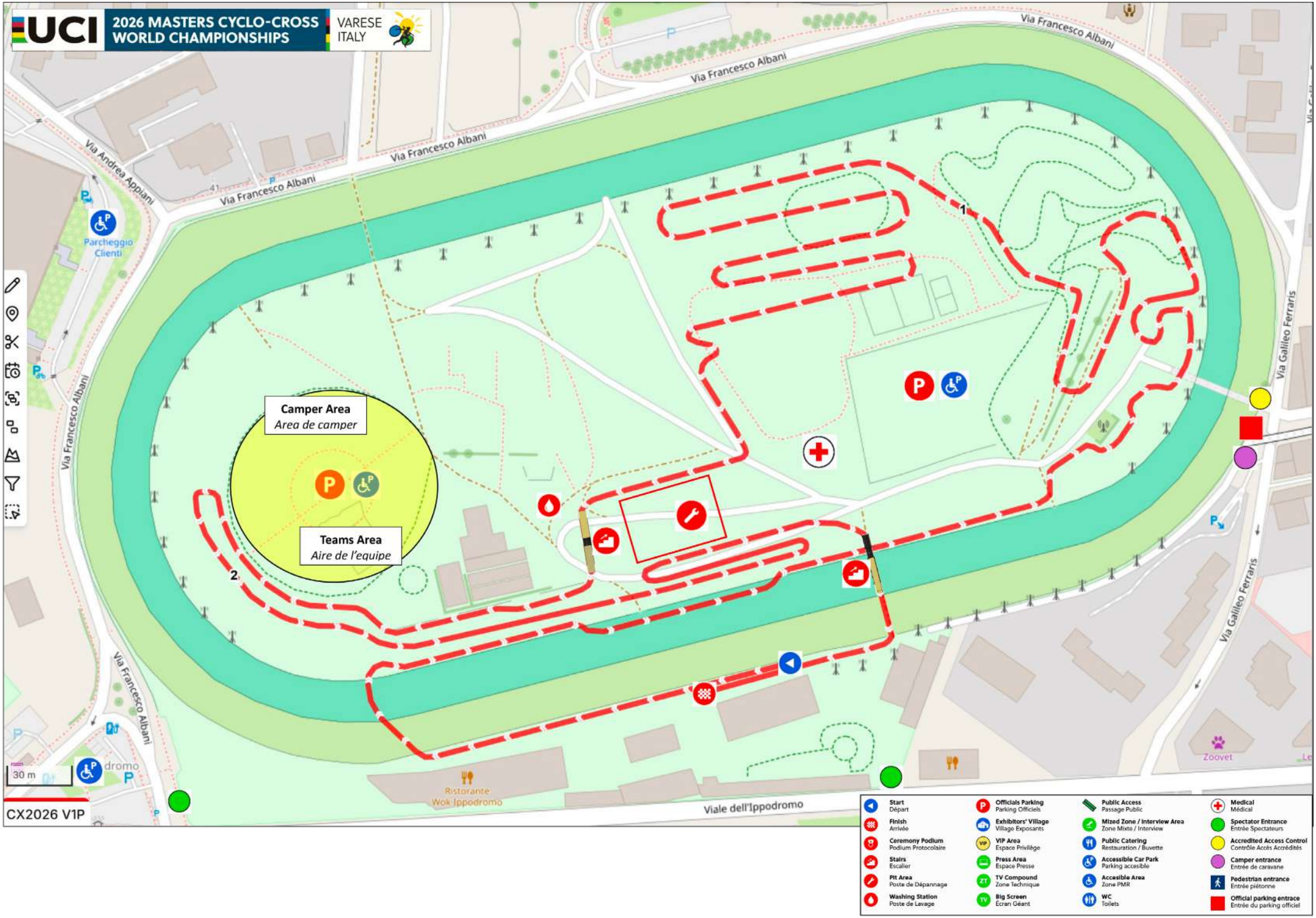
UNA HOTELS in the venue with 200 rooms

Meeting rooms

Infirmary

Cloakroom

Restroom, shower


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VARESE ITALY
Via Francesco Albani
Via Andrea Appiani
Via Galileo Ferraris
Parcheggio Clienti
Camper Area
Area de camper
Teams Area
Aire de l'equipe
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Ristorante Wok Ippodromo
Viale dell'Ippodromo
Zoovet
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CX2026 V1P
Start
Départ
Finish
Arrivée
Ceremony Podium
Podium Protocolaire
Stairs
Escalier
Pit Area
Poste de Dépannage
Washing Station
Poste de Lavage
Officials Parking
Parking Officiels
Exhibitors' Village
Village Exposants
VIP Area
Espace Privilège
Press Area
Espace Presse
TV Compound
Zone Technique
Big Screen
Écran Géant
Public Access
Passage Public
Mixed Zone / Interview Area
Zone Mixte / Interview
Public Catering
Restauration / Buvette
Accessible Car Park
Parking accesible
Accesible Area
Zone PMR
WC
Toilets
Medical
Médical
Spectator Entrance
Entrée Spectateurs
Accredited Access Control
Contrôle Accès Accréditès
Camper entrance
Entrée de caravane
Pedestrian entrance
Entrée piétonne
Official parking entrace
Entrée du parking officiel

S.O. / I.D. RACE

We are pleased to welcome international athletes representing the S.O. (Special Olympics) / I.D. (Intellectual Disability) Cycling.

Race Categories:
M&F U14
M&F U19
M&F 19+

This event is being supported by the "Federazione Ciclistica Italiana". Spectators and Masters participants are encouraged to remain and support this event.

TEAM RELAY

The race will take place within the cyclocross world championshiips, but without awarding the tiltle of world champions, and will be run over 4 laps.

No one may claim in particular on Social Media or any other Media that he/she is crowned or medailed in the UCI Masters Cyclo-cross World Championships for the Team Relay format.

The teams are made up of ¾ relay riders of the same nationality chosen from the varous categories (in the case of a team made up of 3 relays riders, one of them will ride 2 laps). The teammates of a single team must wear all the same jersey design at the exclusion of the national outfit.

The composition of yhe team made up of athletes of the same nation must include at least one woman.

Multiple trams may register for each nation.

The changeover between team members during the race takes place when stationary by contact in the space provided for this purpose.

Participation in the Team Relay is free for all those registered for the UCI Masters Cyclo-cross World Championship.

For teams whose athletes are not registered for the world championship, the cost is Euro 60.00 per team to be paid online or directly on site.

The registration of the team will be done online and registration closes on 25 November 2026. Changes in the composition of any team can be considered if communicated at the latest 5 hours before the start.

Any start order or exchange/relay position will be allocated to the teams by drawing lot.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NEUTRAL SERVICE

The Organisation is providing a Neutral Service station next to the Equipment Pit / Start area. This Service is provided at no cost to competitors, but any replacement parts used is chargeable.

POWER WASHING EDITED BY KÄRCHER

There are 2 Bike Wash Areas in operation.

Bike Wash 1 – In this area it is permitted for riders to use organizer's washing equipment. Bike Wash Area 1 may only be used during the duration of the race of the individual Rider.

Bike Wash 2 – In this area Riders may use their own equipment to wash bikes during Practice, Training and outside of their individual race times.

PIT ACCREDITATION

All riders will be issued with 2 Pit Passes labelled exclusively for their race. Access to the pit area is not allowed at any other time.

ON SITE CAMPING

Available at the Ippodromo di Varese

MIXED CATEGORY RACES

Where more than one category is racing at the same time, starts will be split with the youngest category starting first with a minimum of 30 seconds between categories.

MEDAL CEREMONY

This takes place each day after all races have been completed in accordance with the Race Schedule – it is a requirement in accordance to the regulations of the UCI for the top 3 riders in each age category to be present.

WARM-UP AREA

There will be a warm up area during the 3 days of racing.
This area is located near the race HQ, finish line and food vendor.

Further Information not covered in the Competition guide can be found on the event website:
WWW.TREVALLIVARESINE.INFO
Or write to the email:
CYCLOCROSS@TREVALLIVARESINE.COM

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