



Announcement
for the
Bruges SUP Classic 2023
organised by Domein 'aan de plas'

on Sunday, 24 September 2023
at Domein 'aan de plas', Blankenbergse dijk 75, 8000 Bruges

1 CONTEST RULES

1.1 DEFINITIONS:

A fleet is a number of competitors entered for a particular title, full fleet are all competitors entered for the race.

A course lap is a specific route around a number of buoys (or/and beach flags) that must be completed X number of times by the participant.
The race course is the entirety of all course rounds.

The skippers' meeting is the time when the course of the race is announced. Participants are given information here about the course, the starting prizes, the race categories, the race and safety rules and the general course of the day(s). Questions from participants will also be answered by the race management at that time.

Drafting: a competitor is drafting if he/she is within 1 board length of the back of another competitor's board, the side of another competitor's board or at the side or back of another vessel on the race route for more than 1 minute.

- 1.2 The event is subject to the Rules as defined in the ISA SUP Rules: <https://isasurf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/ISA-RULEBOOK-April-2022-clean.pdf>.

In case of conflict between languages, the English text will prevail.
In case of contradictions, determination during the skippers' meeting are decisive, thereafter this race rulebook, thereafter in the ISA rulebook.

- 1.3 Every participant, must have the required licence or hold a valid BA insurance (see details in section: 5)

1.4 PARCOURS:

The race course will be clearly marked by means of beach flags (on the shore), buoys (on the water), and/or fixed landmarks on the course (bridges, fixed buoys, makings...)

The race course will be determined by the race director according to circumstances and presented at the skippers' meeting.

The race course may consist of several course laps, a defined route on the water past buoys and/or gates.

Total distance per class:

- Elite: 11km (7 laps + 1 short lap)
- Recreants: 5.8km (3 laps + 1 short lap)
- Kids: 4.4km (2 laps + 1 short lap)
- Teams: 11km (7 laps + 1 short lap)



Participants are requested to leave the course no later than 10 minutes before the start and 5 minutes after the start. Participants who are on the course outside their race or course lap will receive a warning. Repeat offenders will be disqualified.

Participants stay with their board and paddle throughout the entire race with their board and paddle. Of course, they are allowed to leave the water after each finish.

1.5 STARTING PROCEDURE:

This is a race with delayed starts: a new start every 60 minutes.

The start may be given between buoys, beach flags, on the bank, on the water or on the beach, as determined at the skippers' meeting.

The starting procedure will be confirmed by the race director and presented at the skippers' meeting.

1.6 DRAFTING :

Drafting is not allowed, except for participants in your own category (elite F; elite M; Amateurs or Teams).

The first 200 metres are available for clearing unauthorised drafting.

The drafting rules do not apply if there is no room to get out of the draft. As soon as circumstances permit, a participant must leave unauthorised drafting.

A competitor in an unauthorised situation will be disqualified.

1.7 OUTSIDE HELP:

Any assistance from support boats or other helpers during the race, for propulsion purposes not caused by the paddler's own power, will result in a relegation to the place behind the last finisher.

It is allowed to change SUP boards during the race.

Paddles may be changed during the race.

Team racers may each use their own board.

1.8 FINISH :

The finish can be between buoys, beach flags, on shore, on the water or on the beach, as determined during the skippers' meeting.

The participant whose SUP board crosses the finish line first will be the winner in the category for which he or she registered. The final winner is the participant who completes the most laps in the shortest total time.

However, the competitor must be in his or her boat when he or she crosses the finish line.

Competitors finishing 2nd and 3rd will be included in the podium ceremony for each category.

Only participants will be included in the standings.

There will be an overall final ranking, regardless of nationality.



1.9 PROTESTS :

Any competitor may submit a protest up to 30 minutes after their finish time. They must submit this protest in writing to the race jury (identifiable by the red lycra), indicating the competitor against whom they are protesting. Specific protest documents will be provided for this purpose.

The match director will verbally discuss the protest with all parties involved and make a final decision.

2 COMPETITION RULES

The announcement and specific timetable will be confirmed by the organiser at least 48 hours before the start of the race via the BelgianSUPTour Facebook page and www.BelgianSUPTour.be.

2.1 Race rules will also be available from 8.30am on 17-06-2023 at Froidchapelle.

3. DOPING:

Regulations of the Flemish Community apply: all information at www.dopinglijn.be as well as those arising from the Anti-Doping Decree of the French Community http://aisf.be/wp-content/uploads/RPROC_-CIDD_-VF.pdf

4 PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

4.1 The event is open to all participants of the following class(es):
Elites; Recreants, kids

4.2 Classes and age categories are defined as follows:

Elites	Elites M and Elites V	No age category
	Kahunas M and Kahunas V	Born 1983 or earlier
Recreants	Recreants M and Recreants V on inflatables <12.6 and on hard boards	No age category
Kids	Boys and girls	Born in 2009 or later
Teams	Maximum 8 people, change possible at each round	No age category

4.3 Participants can register by confirming their participation by e-mail (info@belgiansuptour.be) before Wednesday 04/09/2023. Please include first name, surname, year of birth, nationality and Category (Elite; recreational; kids or teams).
The required registration fee can only be arranged on site. Registration is also still required on site.



- 4.4 To qualify as a participant in a final classification, all entry requirements must be met and all payments made.
- 4.5 Participants must register on Sunday 24/09/2023 from 10:00 am at Brugge aan de Plas. There they will be assigned their participation number.
- 4.6 Enrolment fees are:
 - €20,- for elite,
 - €20,- for recreational
 - €10,- for kids
 - €20,- per team + €10,- per team member

5 INSURANCE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

- 5.1 By participating in this event, a participant confirms and agrees that Paddlesport can be a dangerous activity with associated risks. Inherent in Paddlesport is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death from drowning, hypothermia or other causes.
- 5.2 The organising authority accepts no liability for material damage or personal injury or death caused in connection with or before, during or after the competition series. Participation in the competitions described in these competition rules is at one's own risk. By and with registration, participants expressly accept this risk.

Both BSF, WWSV, ISAsurf, BST and the organising clubs and all their managers, volunteers, appointees or their sponsors can in no case be held responsible for any damage, loss or accident, on the water or on land, to or from the participants and their equipment.

Participants have at least the insured guarantees provided in the insurance membership with Wind and Watersport Vlaanderen vzw. They have this through their membership with a club affiliated to WWSV or through their affiliation with an official domestic or foreign association that includes insurance with at least the guarantees Civil liability of Wind and Watersport Vlaanderen vzw.
- 5.3 Participants without a membership described in this section can enter into a temporary affiliation including Civil liability and Bodily injury insurance (can only be for 1 match per year)
- 5.4 Each participant must be insured for civil liability with a minimum amount of €1,500,000 per incident or its equivalent.



6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 The organising authority may provide vests to be worn by participants as permitted by the ISASUP Advertising Code.
- 6.2 By and with registration, the participants give their express consent to the organisers to collect and make, use and display at all times and at their own decision all personal, still and moving images obtained from the participants - individually or in groups - taken during the competition day.
This data and images may be shared with third parties for commercial and non-commercial purposes. (e.g. press releases, publications on external and social media).
- 6.3 **DATAPROTECTION**
By participating in this event, participants automatically grant the organising authority and sponsors the right, without compensation, in perpetuity and at their sole discretion, to make, use and display any photographic, audio and video recording and other reproductions of them made on the water or at the event venue from the time of their arrival at the venue to the time of their final departure.

7 PROGRAM

7.1 Registration :

Date	Location	from	to
24/09/2023	Domain on the lake	10:00h	11:30h

- 7.2 **Skippers' meeting**
Participants should be available at 12:00h at Brugge aan de Plas
- 7.3 In case there were too many entries, further separate start procedures could be provided.
- 7.4 The start may be between buoys, beach flags, on shore, on the water, or on the beach as determined during the skippers' meeting.
- 7.5 The starting procedure will be confirmed by the race director during the skippers' meeting. The schedule of races (may change depending on the number of competitors or weather conditions):

Time	class	Category
13:00u	Elites M and Teams	M all age categories
13:10u	Elites V	V all age categories
13:20u	Recreants	M and V together
15:00u	Kids	Girls and boys together

- 7.4 An audible signal will be provided at the scheduled times.
A starting procedure is as follows:
10' - 5' - 1min - start
- 7.5 Stage ceremony from 16:30h



8 CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND CONTROL OF EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 Appropriate clothing is required.
- 8;2 Wearing a safety leash is compulsory. Equipment used must conform to international rules.
- 8.2 The material can be checked at any time....

9 LOCATION

- 9.1 The competition is located at: Domein 'aan de plas', Blankenbergse dijk 75, 8000 Brugge
- 9.2 NoR Addendum A shows site plan for appointment and skipper meeting.
- 9.3 NoR Addendum B shows the venue and race course.

10 PODIA

- 10.1 Next stages will be declared after the race...:
 - Elites M: No age category
 - Elites V: No age category
 - Elites Kahunas M: Born 1983 or earlier
 - Elites Kahunas V: Born 1983 or earlier
 - Recreants M: No age category
 - Recreants V: No age category
 - Kids Boys: Born in 2009 or later
 - Kids Girls: Born in 2009 or later
 - Teams: Maximum 8 people per team, no age category
- 10.2 BST annual rankings are determined based on results in each age category. For details, see www.belgiansuptour.be.

13 OTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 For other information, please contact info@aandeplas.be

Addendum A: the map of the race
Addendum B: the protest form

Addendum A: the map of the trail



Legend:

Elites:

Start - buoy 3 - (buoy 1 - buoy 2 - buoy 3) X 7 + (Buoy 2 - buoy 4 - buoy 3 - buoy 1) - Finish = **11km**

Recreants:

Start - Buoy 3 - (Buoy 1 - Buoy 2 - Buoy 3) X 3 + (Buoy 2 - Buoy 4 - Buoy 3 - Buoy 1) - Finish = **5,700m**

Kids:

Sart - buoy 3 - (buoy 1 - buoy 2 - buoy 3) X 2 + (Buoy 2 - buoy 4 - buoy 3 - buoy 1) - Finish = **4,400m**

Teams:

Start - buoy 3 - (buoy 1 - buoy 2 - buoy 3) X 7 + (Buoy 2 - buoy 4 - buoy 3 - buoy 1) - Finish = **11km**



Addendum B: the protest form

PROTEST SHEET

Received by: at (time):
Name and Number requestor Number:
Class: Subcategory:

FORM:

1) Event: Date:

2) Kind of protest:

- ☐ Protest competitor against competitor
- ☐ Protest from official against competitor
- ☐ Protest from competitor against organisation

3) Participant or boat protested against:

Number(s) of competitor(s):

Class (if known):

4) Incident:

When and where the incident took place?

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Rules allegedly broken?

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Witnesses:

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5) Description of the incident (possibly with drawing. Use another sheet if necessary)