

RACING REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 1: GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. The race

The European Junior Cycling Tour Assen 2024 is a stage race of multiple days for cyclists in the following categories: Youth I-VII, Nieuwelingen, Nieuwelingen-girls, Juniors and Junior-ladies. The European Junior Cycling Tour Assen, mentioned as “Jeugd-tour” is raced on an individual basis. All participants must hold a valid license of their national federation or the UCI.

2. Regulations

All races belonging to the Jeugd-tour are conform and according to the regulations of the KNWU (Royal Dutch Cycling Union). These racing regulations are complementary to the regulations issued by the KNWU.

3. Licenses

During the Jeugd-tour the secretary office keeps all licenses.

4. Entry, subscribing and participating

Entries of riders received by the secretary office are confirmed by letter or email with the comment that the entry fee should be transferred into the organization’s bank account. Subscription is final when the entry fee has been received on the designated bank account. This is confirmed to the participant by the organization and a bib number will be assigned. After this the rider will be added to the entry list.

5. Equipment

For the categories I to IV a bottle is not allowed during the races.

According to the regulations of the KNWU, the organization of the Jeugd-tour provides the replacement of spare wheels in the older categories, from category V. This service is provided by the neutral service cars or the manned equipment stands along the course. Therefore, it is strictly forbidden to provide new equipment like a bicycle to the riders.

Handing in the spare equipment after the race is obligatory for the categories: Nieuwelingen, Nieuwelingen-girls.

The issuing of bib numbers is done after the riders in these categories handed in a spare wheel according to a schedule provided by the organization.

Spare wheels must be handed in on Sunday near the permanence. Riders with a bib number ending in the numbers 0 and 3 hand in a front wheel and riders with bib number ending in 5 and 8 hand in a rear wheel. Nowadays almost everyone rides with wheels that are equipped with disc brakes. If you ride a bicycle with disc brakes, we assume that you also hand in a wheel with disc brakes. Brake discs have a diameter of 160 for a front wheel and a diameter of 140 for a rear wheel.

Rear wheels need to be fitted with at least a 10-speed cassette in which 10 complete rings are installed. Furthermore, the cassette needs to be fitted with an original lockring and spacers. This is to prevent that the wheels can’t be used for the other participants.

Participants that are requested to hand in a rear wheel need to fit a lockring with the following amount of teeth:

Nieuwelingen (52x16) 16 teeth lockring

Nieuwelingen-girls (52x16) 16 teeth lockring

For the categories V, VI and VII a 16 teeth lockring will be used on the rear wheels.

On Sunday, prior to the first stage of the Jeugd tour every rider can have his or her equipment (voluntarily) checked.

6. Gear settings

In all participating categories, including the youth categories, a gearing system may be used. The maximum allowed gear settings are:

Category 1	5,46 metres
Category 2	5,46 metres
Category 3	5,78 metres
Category 4	5,78 metres
Category 5	6,14 metres
Category 6	6,14 metres
Category 7	6,55 metres
Nieuwelingen (M/F)	7,01 metres
Juniors (M/F)	7,93 metres

7. Following the race

To avoid traffic disturbances, following of the race convoy by team leaders should be avoided.

8. Points for other classifications other than Jeugd tour

During the Jeugd tour, no points or privileges can be acquired by whatever means for any classifications other than the Jeugd tour.

9. Bib numbers

In accordance with the relevant section in the KNWU code for cycling, it is not allowed to decrease the size of the bib number by whatever means. Any infringement will be punished. Numbers are to be applied as indicated in the race program or as indicated by the race officials.

10. Starting times

Start times will be indicated in the road book or published on the start lists by the commissaires on the day prior to the relevant stage. The lists will be published at the information center and published on www.ejcta.nl.

At the individual time trial there will be consecutive starting times for the various categories. This is dependent on starting location and category. Participants need to be present at the start 15 minutes prior to their starting time.

11. Opening and prize ceremony

Both the official opening as well as all prize ceremonies as published in the road book of Jeugd tour are part of the race. This includes the prize ceremony on Friday. Participants need to be present. During all

ceremonies the riders are required to wear the official kit of his/her club/team.

12. Chip/transponders

Each participant is obliged to place the provided chip/transponder in the proper position, being at the fork as close to the axle of the front wheel as possible.

The participant is responsible for replacement, registration or repair in case of a defect (e.g. empty battery), loss or theft. This is at the participant's own expense.

When during the race a participant has received another bike and registration through chip/transponder is therefore not possible, visual or video finish recording will make up the results. No protest is possible.

13. Fraudulent use of chip/transponder

Each misuse of the chip/transponder, e.g. using the chip/transponder of a different participant, will result in execution of article N.12.11.006 of the KNWU regulations to all parties involved (owner, user and or other parties). These regulations state that, after hearing the parties involved, a penalty of €200 to €10.000 can be imposed in combination with a suspension of a month up to a year.

CHAPTER 2 : RACES

During Jeugdjour the following races will be held: (A) individual time trial – (B) omloop – (E) criterium

Supplement to the KNWU regulations

In race type A all riders of all categories are allowed to wear any type of helmet (e.g. ordinary race helmets and special time trail helmets). The helmet must meet official safety standards and can be identified as such.

For **all race types (A to E)** categories 1 to 7 and Nieuwelingen m/v must use a conventional/traditional road racing bike: e.g. aerobars and disc wheels are not allowed. Both wheels need to have a minimum of 12 spokes. In these race categories using the chip/transponder is obligatory.

In race **category A**, individual time trial, equipment stands will be provided.

In race **category B** the race officials in cooperation with the police will determine the maximum distance a rider can be behind. Riders taken out of the race because they are too far behind, will get the same finishing time as the last rider who finishes plus 5 additional minutes.

In race **category E** they will get the same finishing time as the last rider who finishes plus 3 additional minutes.

Riders are considered to be out of the race when passed by the broom wagon. They need to take off or cover the bib number and take into account normal traffic regulations. Nieuwelingen and juniors return to start/finish on their own account. The broom wagon will always stay with the last rider in the youth categories.

Riders not starting in a specific stage will receive the finishing time of the last rider that finishes that stage plus an additional 10 minutes.

A rider receives the same finishing time as the group he/she was in if a mechanical defect acknowledged by

the race officials occurred or he/she suffered from a crash within the last 3 kilometers. This is relevant for the race categories B and E. Exception is Monday where the 3-km rule is extended to 5 kilometers. On Wednesday (VAM-berg) there is no 3-km rule.

In race **category A** (time trial) a restart is only possible if the commissaire's panel allows it.

If rider does not cross the finish line in the time trial (A), he or she will be awarded the time of the last rider plus 5 minutes.

In **race category E** (criterium): A rider who receives a compensation lap, will not be eligible for points in the green jersey (points) sprint in the following lap. This applies until 5 kilometers from the finish line.

In **all** stages the riders are required to finish with at least one hand on the handle bars. Not complying to this rule will result in a relegation of the rider. This goes for all categories except junior (M/F)

Bonification

In race categories B and E bonifications for the overall classification are awarded to riders placed 1 to 10. These are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, respectively.

Protest

Protests need to be submitted in writing to the chairperson of the jury via the information center. A deposit of €25 (cash) is required per protest. This shall be returned once the protest has been approved. Protests can be submitted by riders and in the youth categories by the adult supervisor or representative.

Protests can be submitted regarding:

Irregularities during the race	within 15 minutes after finish.
Race results	within 30 minutes after publication of official results.
Classifications	up to the day following the day of publication of the classification.
Final overall classification	within 30 minutes after publication of the general classification.

Starting order during Jeugdjour

ITT	reverse order of overall classification after previous stage
Other races	positioning after drawing lots.

Riders wearing a leader's jersey can always start at the front.

All riders in all categories are obliged to sign the start list before the start.

CHAPTER 3: CLASSIFICATIONS

1. Jerseys

During the Jeugdjour riders will compete in four classifications. The following jerseys need to be worn by the leaders of each classification which are, in order of importance:

General classification	Yellow jersey
Points classification	Green jersey
Special classification	White jersey with polkadots
Girls classification	Pink jersey

When a rider leads several classifications, he or she wears the jersey of the highest ranked classification as mentioned above. In the other, lower ranked, classifications, the leader's jersey is worn by the runner-up in the classification if this rider doesn't lead in any other classification.

Wearing the leader's jersey of the classification is obligatory, except in the case of race **category A**, Individual Time Trial, when aerodynamic clothing may be worn.

The jerseys will be distributed to the leaders/wearers of the classifications before each stage. The announcement of the new leaders/wearers will be announced in the daily email bulletin, on the results page on the website and on the communique of the commissaires at the infocenter. Riders get to keep the jerseys they wore during the day.

The leader of each final classification will receive the jersey.

2. Classifications

Where two or more riders make the same time in the general individual time placings, the fractions of a second registered during individual time trial shall be added back into the time to decide the order.

If the result is still tied or if there are no individual time trial stages the placings obtained in each stage, except team time trial stages, shall be added and, as a last resort, the place obtained in the last stage ridden shall be taken into consideration.

Overall classification

The overall classification is composed of the total of times of the race categories A, B and E minus bonification seconds and plus penalty time. The overall classification is composed after the final stage of each day. In case of equal points, the finish sprint of the last stage in which green points were awarded, is decisive.

Points classification

In race category B (omloop) and E (criterium) and a number of intermediate sprints will be announced. The first eight riders receive the following points, respectively: 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

By adding all the points gained during the race, the final points classification is made. This classification will be made and published daily.

With an equal number of points the number of wins in intermediate sprints counting for classification decides. In case of a tie, the general classification applies

Special classification

The following race categories are part of the special classification: A (individual time trial) and B (omloop). For race categories A and C, the first five finishing riders receive 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points respectively.

With an equal number of points the number of wins in intermediate sprints counting for classification decides. In case of a tie, the general classification applies

In race category B (omloop) the intermediate sprint(s) will be announced. Points will be distributed among the first 5 riders, 5-4-3-2-1 points respectively.

Points for the special classification can be gained in the intermediate sprints in Stage 2 (Tuesday July 30 | Omloop van Lieveren) and Stage 3 (Wednesday July 31 | Omloop van de VAM-berg) and during Stage 4 (Thursday August 1 | Time Trial).

In Stage 4 (Time Trial), for category 1 up to and including category 4, the first five riders with the best overall time will receive 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 points respectively.

In Stage 4 (Time Trial), from category 5 and older, the first five riders with the best intermediate times measured from the start to the top of the climb the 'Muur van Emmen' will receive 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 points respectively AND the five riders with the best overall times will receive 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 points.

Girls classification

This classification is for all girls in the youth categories I-VI. The highest placed girl in the overall classification per category is the winner.

CHAPTER 4 : PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES

1. Decreasing the size of the bib number will be punished with a 45 seconds penalty time. Damage done to the bib number must be reimbursed,
2. If the behaviour of any license holder is inappropriate in any way as decided by the jury, the organization is entitled to ban the license holder from participation and staying at the Jeugdjour.
3. If the gear settings of a rider participating in a stage do not correspond with the settings as required in these regulations, the rider will receive the finishing time of the final rider plus an additional penalty of 45 seconds.
4. If the organization provides spare wheels/equipment in a race, receiving wheels/equipment from any other source is punishable by 1 minute.
5. If a participant removes both hands from the handle bars during the race, he or she will be relegated and will receive 15 penalty seconds.
The same penalty can be imposed if a rider leans with both arms on the handle bars instead of properly holding the handle bars with both hands.
6. Feeding is not allowed outside of the designated areas and will be punished with 15 seconds penalty time.
7. If a rider is not on time at a ceremony, he or she will receive a 15 second time penalty.
8. Shifters need to be conform UCI regulations.
9. Sock height needs to be conform UCI regulations
10. Wheels can be 50mm high, including brake surface.

CHAPTER 5: PRIZE SCHEME – HONORARY PRIZES AND PREMIUMS

Honorary daily prizes, per stage

Daily prizes all categories First three ranked riders

To be entitled to the following honorary prizes and final prizes, the riders must have participated in **all** stages of the Jeugdjour. These prizes will be awarded after the final stage of each category.

Honorary daily prizes, final

Overall classification

Final prizes for categories I-VII

The first ten riders in the final overall classification

Final prizes other categories

Three final prizes

Girls classification

In the categories I-VI prizes are available for girls participating in each category.

In each category three final prizes are available. The final winner will also receive a pink jersey.

Points and special classification

Categories I-VII three final prizes

Other categories three final prizes

Premiums

The following final premiums scheme applies to nieuwelingen en nieuwelingen-girls:

General classification

1	70	6	25	11	20	16	10
2	60	7	25	12	15	17	10
3	50	8	25	13	15	18	10
4	35	9	20	14	15	19	10
5	25	10	20	15	15	20	10

Points classification

1	40	2	20	3	15
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Special classification

1	40	2	20	3	15
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The following final premiums scheme applies to junior-men and junior-ladies:

General classification

1	90	6	30	11	20	16	15
2	75	7	25	12	20	17	15
3	60	8	25	13	15	18	10
4	45	9	20	14	15	19	10
5	35	10	20	15	15	20	10

Points classification

1	50	2	35	3	15
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Special classification

1	50	2	35	3	15
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All prices mentioned above are shown in euros.

Prizes are no longer provided in cash. The prizes are transferred by bank account. Participants are responsible for providing the correct account number at the information center. No details = no prize

money.

FINAL REGULATIONS

In cases not described by these racing regulations the jury and Jeugdtoer Commission will deliberate and come to a final decision. The Dutch version of the regulations is leading. The organization doesn't accept any liability for accidents and/or damage to participants or third parties, before, during and after the event.

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