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17th USPE
European Police Championships
Cross Country

16th – 19th November 2025 in Soest / The Netherlands

Invitation to Enter

Stichting Nederlandse Politiesportbond (NPSB) was entrusted by the Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE) with the organisation of the 17th USPE European Police Championships Cross Country in Soest / The Netherlands from 16th to 19th November 2025.

The following regulations are issued for the 17th USPE European Police Championships Cross Country 2025.

They have been adopted on the basis of the Statutes, Rules and Regulations, Competition Rules and Anti-Doping Regulations of the USPE.

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1. **General organiser**

Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE)

2. **Organiser**

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3. **Date**

Arrival: 16th November 2025

Departure: 19th November 2025

4. **Venue**

The competition takes place at

- Venue: Soesterduinen, Soest

5. **Accommodation/Travelling**

All participants, delegates and guests will be accommodated in:

- Hotel: Van der Valk Hotel Leusden
- Web: <https://www.hotelleusden.nl/>

The meals for the teams will start with dinner on 16th November 2025 and end with breakfast on 19th November 2025. The eating schedule will be specified in the information "Welcome" upon arrival.

6. Travel Information / Visa procedure

6.1 Travel information

The organiser will provide transport from Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam and from Amersfoort Central Railway Station according to the travelling details of the delegations. Teams arriving by their own car/bus are requested to go directly to the hotel.

6.2 Shuttle service during the USPE EPC Cross Country

The organiser will provide shuttle services during the stay.

6.3 Visa procedure

Delegations which need a VISA are requested to contact the host in time.

7. Safety Requirements

The organiser will ensure that all safety requirements are met according to the rules of the respective sports discipline. The organiser will ensure that a medical first aid will be present at the race.

The organiser is responsible for a safety and security analysis of the risks during the USPE EPC to determine the necessary precautions and measures.

8. Insurance

Everyone involved in the USPE EPC Cross Country is responsible for his/her own insurance cover. The participating member countries are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover (e.g. accident and health insurance) for their whole delegation members at their own expense for the whole duration of the USPE EPC.

Claims for damages against the USPE are expressly excluded.

9. Competition Rules

The USPE Competition Rules, item 4.16 Cross Country, shall apply, with exception at 4.16.2, to remain in accordance with the current 'Competition and Technical Rules', laid down by World Athletics.

- The Men's race will be approximately 10km, and the Women's race will be approximately 10km.

https://www.uspe.org/statuten/2023_01_01_USPE_Competitions_Rules_ENG.pdf

10. Event

10.1 Competition area

The Competitions will be in the environs near athleticsclub AV Pijnenburg, <https://www.avpijnenburg.nl/>.

10.2 Participants

According to item 4.16.3 of the Competition Rules of the USPE each member association may enter up to six sportsmen and six sportswomen as well as up to three attendants. However, the number of attendants must not exceed the number of sportsmen/-women.

10.3 Team sport equipment

All teams must wear nominated team colours. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification. The USPE Technical Delegate will check this during the accreditation.

10.4 Draw

The starting positions will be decided as per the European Athletics Regulations. Competitors must start from the allocated area, failure do so will result in disqualification.

10.5 Official Training

Official training will be arranged on Monday 17th November 2025.

10.6 Decorations and honours

The winner of each individual race and the winning team in the team event shall be: "European Police Champion".

- Medals:

Competitors taking first, second and third places in the individual competitions are awarded with medals. As to the team event, the competitors of the teams placing first, second and third are awarded with medals.

11. Referees

The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, item 2.4, shall apply.

The organiser is in charge of ensuring that there are sufficient numbers of referees. The minimum standard for the referees is the highest national level.

Exceptions to this must be approved by the competent member of the Technical Commission in charge for the respective sport and the USPE Secretary General.

12. Provisional Timetable

Sunday, 16th November 2025:

During the day	Arrival of the teams
Upon arrival	Accreditation of the teams
18.00 – 20:00	Dinner

Monday, 17th November 2025:

07.00 – 08.30	Breakfast at the hotel
08:45 – 09:45	Transport to Optisport, Soest
10:15 – 11:00	Opening Ceremony
11:30 – 12:30	Training at venue
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch at venue
13:30	Shuttle to hotel
17:00 – 17:30	Technical meeting
18.00 – 20:00	Dinner

Tuesday, 18th November 2025:

06.30 – 08.30	Breakfast at the hotel
08:15	Departure to venue
10:00	Women's race
11:15	Mens race
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch at venue
13.00 – 14.00	Shuttle to hotel
17:00 – 17:30	Award Ceremony and Closing Ceremony
18.00 – 20:00	Dinner
20:30 – 24:00	Gala evening

Wednesday, 19th November 2025:

06.30 – 10.00	Breakfast at the hotel
During the day	Departure – check out is no later than 12.00.

The final timetable including the schedule for lunch and dinner will be provided to delegations upon accreditation.

13. Jury of Appeal

The provisions of the USPE Rules and Regulations, Article R 19, shall apply.

The appeal jury is installed at each European Police Championship.

It is responsible for all appeals concerning the organisation and the regular course of events of the championship in question.

It is comprised of:

1. the USPE Secretary General, Mr. Ivo Velchev, or his appointed deputy as chairperson,
2. the responsible USPE Technical Delegate for Cross Country, Mr. Ian Redican,
3. *to be appointed later*, Dutch Athletics Federation
4. the NPSB boardmember, Mrs Nicole Bogers.

In the case where the Jury of Appeal cannot reach consensus, the vote of the chairperson shall be final.

All appeals have to be made in writing by the delegate or one of the attendants of the member union in question within one hour of the posting or publication of the results unless the respective international sport rules specify different.

The delegate or one of the attendants of the member union has to enclose an appeal fee with the appeal in order for the appeal to be valid. The deposited sum will be refunded to its owner if the appeal proves to be justified. If the appeal is rejected the sum deposited shall be retained by the USPE.

The appeal fee will be a total of 100,00 €, paid in cash.

14. Eligibility to start

The provisions of the Statutes, the Rules and Regulations, the Competition Rules as well as the Anti-Doping Regulations of the USPE shall apply. They have to satisfy the provisions set out in Article 23 of the USPE Statutes.

The participation in USPE Championships and Preliminary Rounds is restricted to athletes, who

1. meet the starting requirements of their international union,
2. belong to a national sports organisation that is a member of the USPE,
3. actually is a member of police organisation/force at the time of the championship or
4. are police students at a public police academy,
5. have reached the age of 18 at the time of the Championships or the

- Preliminary Rounds,
6. have signed the Anti-Doping Declaration and
 7. submit the USPE Declaration of Participation signed by the respective President/Secretary General to the competent member of the Technical Commission.

The police are a set of all bodies and institutions in charge of maintenance of public law and order (administrative police and crime investigation departments).

Military police, members of the military, members of the fire brigades and civil servants that do not belong to the police are excluded from the European Police Championships and the Preliminary Rounds.

Competitors suspended from sports contests by the USPE or by the respective sports association due to having violated the relevant doping regulations are not eligible to enter.

15. Accreditation/Verification of eligibility to enter

For verification of a person's eligibility, the police ID and passport or national ID-card (including a photo) must be presented to the Delegate of the USPE. In case of a document deficiency, the permission to start may be refused.

According to the USPE Statutes, all participating countries must present the USPE Declaration of Participation for each athlete who will participate, signed by the respective President or Secretary General.

Without this Declaration, participation in the USPE EPC is not possible!

The competent member of the USPE Technical Commission, Mr. Ian Redican, will supervise the verification during the accreditation.

To assist and speed up the accreditation process, all teams must complete the Declaration of Participation Form prior to arrival.

16. Anti-Doping

Doping tests will be conducted during the USPE Championships with the current WADA list of prohibited substances being applicable (www.wada-ama.org).

According to the USPE Statutes, all participating countries must present the USPE Anti-Doping Declaration for each athlete who will participate, signed by the respective President or Secretary General.

Without this Declaration, participation in the USPE EPC is not possible!

Please note the data protection notices for the Anti-Doping Declaration:

https://www.uspe.org/AntidopingDokumente/Data_protection_notices_USPE_Anti_Doping_Declaration.pdf.

Each athlete can apply for TUE, i.e. permission to use, for therapeutic purposes, substances or methods contained in the list of prohibited substances or methods where use would otherwise be prohibited.

Please note the data protection notices for the TUE Application Form:

https://www.uspe.org/AntidopingDokumente/Template_USPE_TUE_Application_Form.pdf.

More information are available on the USPE website under: www.uspe.org.

17. Financial provisions

17.1 Travelling expenses

Each member union will pay for its own travelling expenses.

17.2 Board and lodging

- **Delegate**

The organiser will pay for the expenses incurred by the delegate (Article R 11 of the USPE Rules and Regulations) of the participating member union.

- **Team**

For every other participant (athlete/attendant) 60,00 € per person/per night must be paid to the organiser (Article R 14/3 of the USPE Rules and Regulations).

- **Guests**

- In case a member country intends to be accompanied by guests and the organiser is able to provide the respective accommodation, each guest has to pay the actual costs incurred by themselves. The amount for the accommodation for the guests will be 310 euro per person per 3 nights and three meals for double room, and 430 per 3 nights with three meals in single room.

Each Team and guest are obligated to indicate a billing address (e-mail) to the organiser of this USPE EPC. The organiser will send respective invoices in time.

17.3 Registration fee

Prior to a championship, each participating country has to pay a registration fee to the General Treasurer of the USPE. This fee has to be paid before the opening of the championship.

The registration fee for each start (singles/relay) will be 40,00 €. The USPE General Treasurer will send the respective invoices in time.

18. Registration

Each participating member country is requested to enter the following information within the following deadlines in the USPE Online Registration Tool for this EPC

1. The Stichting Nederlandse Politiesportbond
(npsbkantoor@politiesport.nl)
2. Office of the USPE Secretary General
(office@uspe.org)
3. USPE Technical Delegate for Cross Country, Mr. Ian Redican
(ianredican@gmail.com)

Please meet the following deadlines

Number of participants	31st May 2025
Names of the participants	01st August 2025
Travelling details	05th September 2025

Data protection notice:

The member countries are responsible for the data protection of their participants' data. Sending these forms by unencrypted e-mail is not a secure way of transmission. It is recommended to send the forms by post, fax or encrypted e-mail.

19. Restriction of personality rights

The corresponding agreement (art. 6, par. 1 lit, and art. 7 European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)) of all participants (athletes, delegates, attendants) allowing the use of personal data during the competition, during the preparation for the competition, as well as after the competition and

follow-up documentation of the competition in pictures and video sequences as PR procedures, for example by the USPE, has been obtained by the

participating member country and is at hand in the original.

All needed documents referring to Data protection are available to download on the USPE website:

https://www.uspe.org/data_protection.php.

It is the responsibility of the participating member country to ensure that every participant from their member country has consented to the GDPR agreement and the original consent document should be held by the member country.

20. Downloads

All needed documents are available to download on the USPE website under:

<https://www.uspe.org/downloadcenter.php>.

It is in the responsibility of all participating countries to present all needed documents to the USPE Technical Delegate, Mr. Ian Redican, during the accreditation.

21. Disclaimer

The USPE and the hosts shall not assume any liability in the event of accidents, theft and other events of damage or loss.

The disclaimer shall be recognised upon registration for the event.

22. Notes

One contestant per team must wear **the police uniform** of their respective country at the opening ceremony.

As to the Final Banquet all participants are requested to attend adequately dressed to suit the occasion (no blue jeans).

All teams shall wear uniform sportswear displaying the emblem of their individual member union.

Signed in the original

Ivo Velchev
USPE Secretary General

Petra Bosman
Stichting Nederlandse Politiesportbond