PARTICIPANT GUIDE 2026

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MINETT UNESCO BIOSPHERE

FOREWORD AGORA

The Agora Red Rock Challenge is, above all, about people. It may start with biking and running, but it quickly becomes a weekend of shared experiences, discovery and simple joy. It is a chance to explore the red cliffs, the industrial heritage and the unique nature of southern Luxembourg together, in a region full of stories, cultures and encounters at the crossroads of the Greater Region. Whether you come with friends or family, this event invites you to slow down, look around and feel the special atmosphere of the Red Rocks.

From Belval's iconic skyline to the evolving Metzeschmelz site, the routes take you through spaces where steel once shaped daily life and where new neighbourhoods, activities and meeting places are now emerging. Here, the traces of the past are not erased, but transformed into a living environment open to everyone. This dialogue between memory and renewal is at the heart of AGORA's mission and the Agora Red Rock Challenge offers a unique opportunity to experience it along the way. I warmly welcome you to this new edition and hope that each of you will leave with the feeling of having taken part in this shared transformation of a changing, multi faceted region.

Yannick Quevedo
General Director, AGORA



GENERAL INFORMATION

The upcoming edition of the Red Rock Challenge is planned for the 10 & 11 October 2026.

WHAT DOES THE RED ROCK CHALLENGE STAND FOR?
The Red Rock Challenge is a combination of sporting and cultural event in southern Luxembourg. Whether you are for biking or running, this challenge offers the participants to discover the wealth of industrial and natural heritage of the communes of the former mining area.

DISCOVER SOUTHERN LUXEMBURG
The Red Rock Challenge departs from Belval Lycée (for most of the races) and connects, like every year, the region's major tourist points such as Little Italy in Dudelange, the National Mining and Iron Museum in Rumelange, the Information Centre Ellergronn in Esch/Alzette and the Industrial and Railway Park Minett-Park in Differdange/ Pétange, which will act as relay points and water stops along the route. The various tracks will lead the participants through the natural reserves of Haard, Hesselbierg, Steebierg, Lalléngerbierg and Giele Botter to arrive at the Lycée Belval where a festive gathering awaits participants at the end of the competitions. Lycée Belval is the Arrival / Departure area which offers a cloakroom & warm shower as well as a bike wash. Ready to enjoy and relax?

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?
The Red Rock Challenge is open to people of all ages* and all levels. Participants can register individually or depending on the event (X-Duathlon) as teams of two or three competitors. All participants have the opportunity to take part in 1 event or to combine 2 different events one on Saturday and the second one on Sunday. Departures will be adjusted to allow for competitors of all levels to manage their race individually.

RACE & TOUR
As always the bike races can also be run as a **« Tour »** without time measurement. However, the marathon MTB 76 km and MTB 61 km are the two **"Cyclosportive" races,** thus with time measurement. Podium and prices are only available for time measured races. So every participant can discover the landscapes on his own pace - race or tour - you choose.

2 DAY MTB CHALLENGE
This challenge for mountain bikers gives the possibility to ride two races in two different days. The first stage is a 39 Km on Saturday and the other is 76 Km on Sunday. This race will reward the riders with most endurance ! Are you steel enough?

IMPORTANT NEWS

GRAVEL EDITION
We will offer gravel routes alongside mountain biking.

For this edition we will propose 3 gravel routes:

Gravel 32 km > 390 meters elevation gain
Gravel 66 km > 780 meters elevation gain
Gravel 95 km > 1,160 meters elevation gain

Please note that for organizational reasons, we will only share the final gravel GPX files on the day of the start. These routes will take place in the Minett region, but will be different from the marked mountain bike routes.



FOOD VILLAGE
At the finish line, you'll find our usual Food Village with various food trucks and technical assistance (Andy Schleck Cycles & De Vëlosbuttik), musical entertainment, changing rooms, a hot shower, and a bike wash. Join with your family and friends, it's free!



FOREWORD PRO-SUD

THE RED ROCK CHALLENGE: A HUMAN ADVENTURE AT THE HEART OF THE MINETT UNESCO BIOSPHERE

Dear Participants,
Once again this year, the RED ROCK CHALLENGE invites you to enjoy a unique experience where sport, nature, and togetherness come together to create unforgettable memories. Beyond the routes, the challenges, and the landscapes of the Minett, it is above all a human adventure that brings us together.

A TERRITORY TO DISCOVER, A NATURE TO PRESERVE

The Minett UNESCO Biosphere is not merely an exceptional setting for this event: it is a living ecosystem, a heritage to be protected and celebrated. As you run along its trails or ride through its landscapes, you are doing more than just practicing sport. You become an active contributor to its preservation. Every stride, every pedal stroke is a promise—to respect and pass on this beauty to future generations.

SPORT AS A VECTOR OF SOCIAL CONNECTION

The RED ROCK CHALLENGE is also a story of encounters, self-transcendence, and solidarity. Whether you are a seasoned athlete or an amateur seeking new sensations, you will become part of a community united by shared values: effort, respect, and passion. And let us not forget the nearly 60 volunteers, without whom nothing would be possible. Their commitment is living proof that sport can be much more than a competition: a celebration of togetherness, deeply rooted in love for our region and its traditions.

A STRONG MESSAGE FOR TOMORROW

In 2026, more than ever, the RED ROCK CHALLENGE carries a clear message: sport and nature are one. We invite you to rethink your practice, to adopt eco-responsible actions, and to commit—at your own level—to a sustainable future that preserves our quality of life and the environment.

May this new edition be a source of inspiration, personal achievement, and shared joy for you all. See you very soon on the trails of the Minett UNESCO Biosphere, which showcases the beauty of the Minett region!



Christian Weis
President of PRO-SUD
https://minett-biosphere.com/

REGULATIONS

BIB NUMBER

Participants in the Cross-duathlon (CD) must wear their bib number on the handlebars and the second bib number on their back during the bike part and change it to the chest during the running discipline. Participants in the bike disciplines (MTB) must wear their bib number on the handlebars. Participants in running events must wear their bib number on the chest. Wearing a bib is mandatory. Participants taking part without their bib will be disqualified and excluded from the race.

TRANSFER AREA CROSS DUATHLON

During the transfer, it is strictly forbidden to ride the bike in the transfer area; the bike must be pushed by the hand of the participant. Wearing the helmet in the bike park is mandatory.

HELMET / EQUIPMENT

Participants must ensure that their equipment is in good condition. Cyclo-cross, Gravel-bikes are prohibited for the MTB or X-Duathlon races. E-bikes are allowed for the MTB tours, but not the races. Wearing a helmet is mandatory. The organizer of the Red Rock Challenge disclaims all liability for any accident, injury or property damage. The organizer shall in no event be liable for physical injury and / or property related to a fall, for whatever reason.

CHRONOMETRY

A chip will be integrated onto the bib number thus all the participants have to wear their bib as the integrated chip allows the time measurement with the chronograph. Teams will receive only one bib with integrated chip. The bib has to be handed over to the next team member into the transition zone. Without chip, the route will not be timed thus the participant will not be included in the classification.

COURSE REGULATIONS

The maximum running time for each race is defined. Participants who exceed this time limit will not be included in the final standings. At the end of the predefined time a «bike broom» signals the end of the race. Participants wishing to continue beyond this time frame will be subject to the rules of the road and finish the race under their own responsibility. Cyclists who are forced to set foot must leave room for other competitors to pass on their left. All participants are asked to remain vigilant on public roads and pay attention to traffic since cars / shuttles will continue to operate on the route. The Luxemburgish Police will ensure Road safety. The Luxembourg Civil Protection, assisted by one or more physicians, will provide the medical service. Officials at Red Rock Challenge have subscribed to a civil responsibility insurance policy «RC Organizers» kind.

RESPECT OF THE ENVIRONMENT/NATURE

Each Participants are asked to respect the environment. All waste must remain in the staging area. Participants are requested not to leave the designated trails otherwise they will be disqualified.

CLOAKROOM / BIKE PARK (CD)

A cloakroom / shower area is at the disposal of the participants to store their clothes the time of the race. The organizers strongly recommend that participants do not leave valuables and disclaims any liability in case of theft or loss. The organizer will also provide a closed bike park next to the cloakroom / shower area. To enter the bike park participants must show their bib number, which must match the bib number on the bike before access is granted. Without a bib bikes cannot be put in or out of the park. The organizer disclaims all responsibility for any damage to the equipment or other.

HEALTH

Participants take part in the competition at their own responsibility. The organizer cannot be held responsible for any accident or event caused by bad health or by individual gear. Participants who decide to abandon the race are asked to go to the nearest refreshment stand in order to catch the shuttle to be brought back to the finish line.
No refund will be paid in case of illness.

CANCELLATION OF THE EVENT

In case of force majeure, natural disasters or other circumstances that endanger the safety of the participants, the organizers reserve the right to cancel the event. No refund will be paid in this case.

PANDEMIC SITUATION

The physical edition might be cancelled and replaced by a virtual edition during a pandemic situation. In this case, participants a free to convert his registering fee into a virtual participation. We will ensure to give the difference of % cash back. People, which don't like to register to a virtual race, can report the enrolment automatically to the next edition.If the sanitary situation requires it, you have to wear your mask and respect social distancing of 2m. Cloakroom/shower area will be closed; there will be no bike wash, no shuttle service & no refreshment points. *Virtual edition:
Fully signed trails, virtual ranking
Offered trails: MTB 40km , MTB 61km , MTB 76km , 2 Day MTB Challenge (39km & 76km), RT 10,5km

UCI

The national Championship of the XC (Marathon) race will be organised under the current general UCI rules.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

You can book your tickets on our webpage or register as late entry on site at the Lycée Belval.

MEDIA

Each participant allows Red Rock Challenge asbl to use his picture, audio and video recordings for marketing terms.

FINAL REMARKS

Participants acknowledge that they have read these regulations and accept all the clauses.

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www.rr-challenge.lu

ENCOURAGE THE ATHLETES

Follow the live event and support the athletes :
(estimated program)

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SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER - TRAIL RUNNING

DIFFERDANGE : MINETT-PARK
MTB 10:20
X-Duathlon (MTB) 10:18
X-Duathlon (Run) 11:00

BELVAL : FINISH
MTB head of the race: 11:00
X-Duathlon head of the race: 11:40
RT 29 km: head of the race: 14:58
RT 19,2 km: head of the race: 15:18
RT 10,5 km: head of the race: 15:44

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SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER - BIKING

RUMELANGE : MUSÉE NATIONAL DES MINES
MTB 62 & 76 km : head of the race : 10:34

DUDELANGE : PARKING RUE DES MINIÈRES
MTB 62 & 76 km: head of the race: 10:55

KAYL : PARKING LÉIFRÄCHEN,
MONUMENT NATIONAL DES MINEURS
MTB 62 & 76 km : head of the race : 11:27

ESCH : PARKING LALLENGER BIERG, POTEAU DE KAYL
MTB 62 km: head of the race: 11:39
MTB 76 km : head of the race : 12:07

ESCH : STADE FOLA/PARC GAALGEBIERG
MTB 62 km: head of the race: 11:47
MTB 76 km : head of the race : 12:17

BELVAL : FINISH
MTB 62 km: head of the race : 12:11
MTB 76 km : head of the race : 12:40

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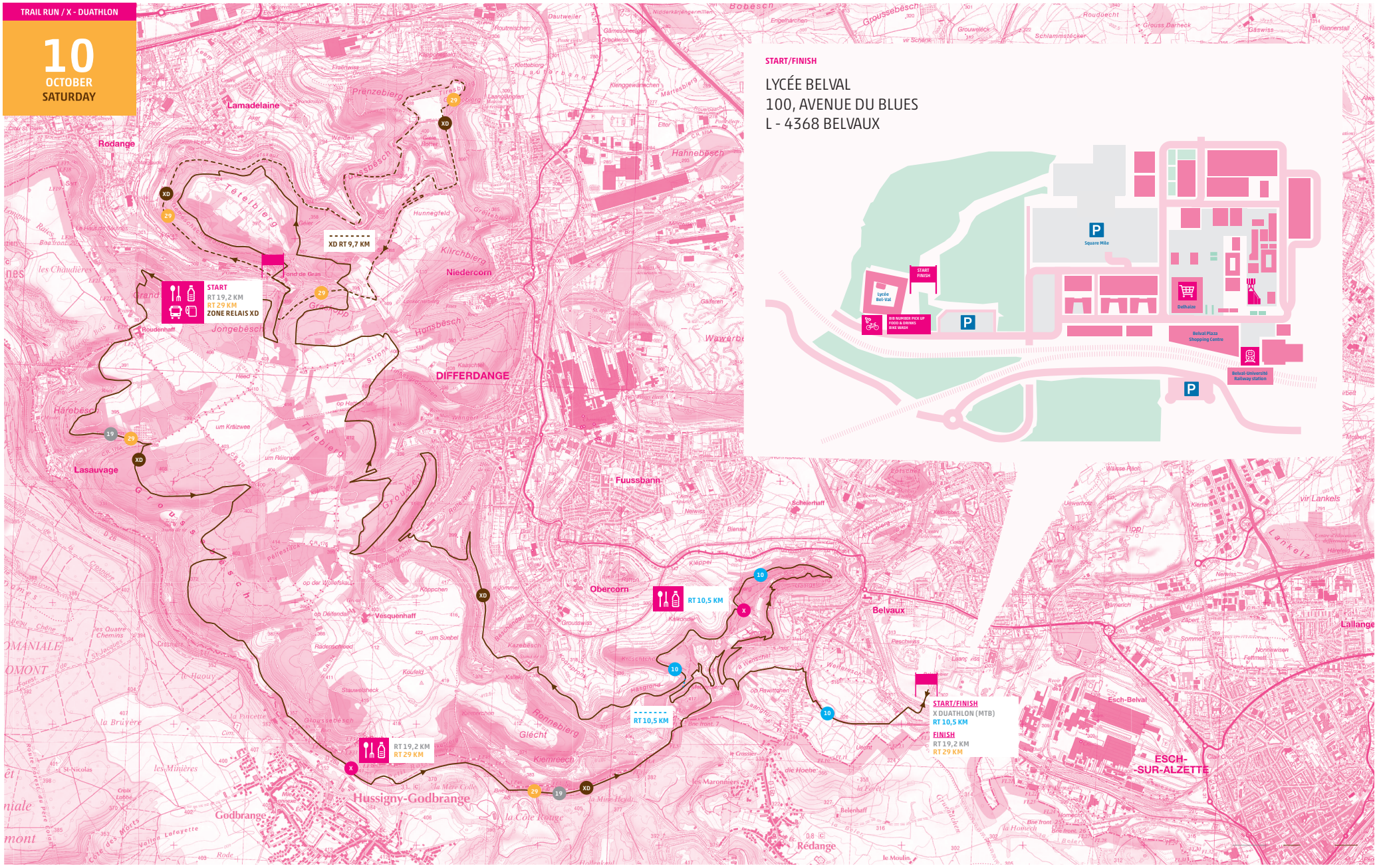




Discipline	Start and finish location	Start time	Podium
FRIDAY / 9 OCTOBER			
Handing out of the bib numbers & late entries	Lycée Belval	18:00–20:00	–
SATURDAY / 10 OCTOBER / RUN TRAIL DAY			
Handing out of the bib numbers & late entries	Lycée Belval	08:00–16:00	–
MTB 39.5 km Single (time measurement – 2 Day MTB Challenge / X-Duathlon MTB Track)	Start / Finish: Lycée Belval	09:30	–
X-Duathlon (MTB / RunTrail / MTB) Single or team of 3 (21.2 km / 9.6 km / 18.2 km)	Start / Finish: Lycée Belval	09:30	14:00
RunTrail 29 km	Start: Fond-De-Gras Finish: Lycée Belval	13:00	16:00
RunTrail 19.2 km	Start: Fond-De-Gras Finish: Lycée Belval	14:00	15:30
RunTrail 10.5 km	Start / Finish: Lycée Belval	15:00	16:30
End	–	18:00	–
SUNDAY / 11 OCTOBER / MOUNTAIN BIKE DAY	Powered by: Sensity for consistency and change		
Handing out of the bib numbers & late entries	Lycée Belval	08:00–10:00	–
MTB 40 km (Tour)	Start / Finish: Lycée Belval	10:00–11:00	–
MTB 62 km (Tour)	Start / Finish: Lycée Belval	10:00–11:00	–
MTB 62 km (time measurement)	Start / Finish: Lycée Belval	10:00	13:30
MTB Marathon 76 km (Tour)	Start / Finish: Lycée Belval	10:00–11:00	–
MTB Marathon 76 km (time measurement – part of the 2 Day MTB Challenge)	Start / Finish: Lycée Belval	10:00	13:30
End	–	17:00	–

TRAIL RUN / X - DUATHLON

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SATURDAY



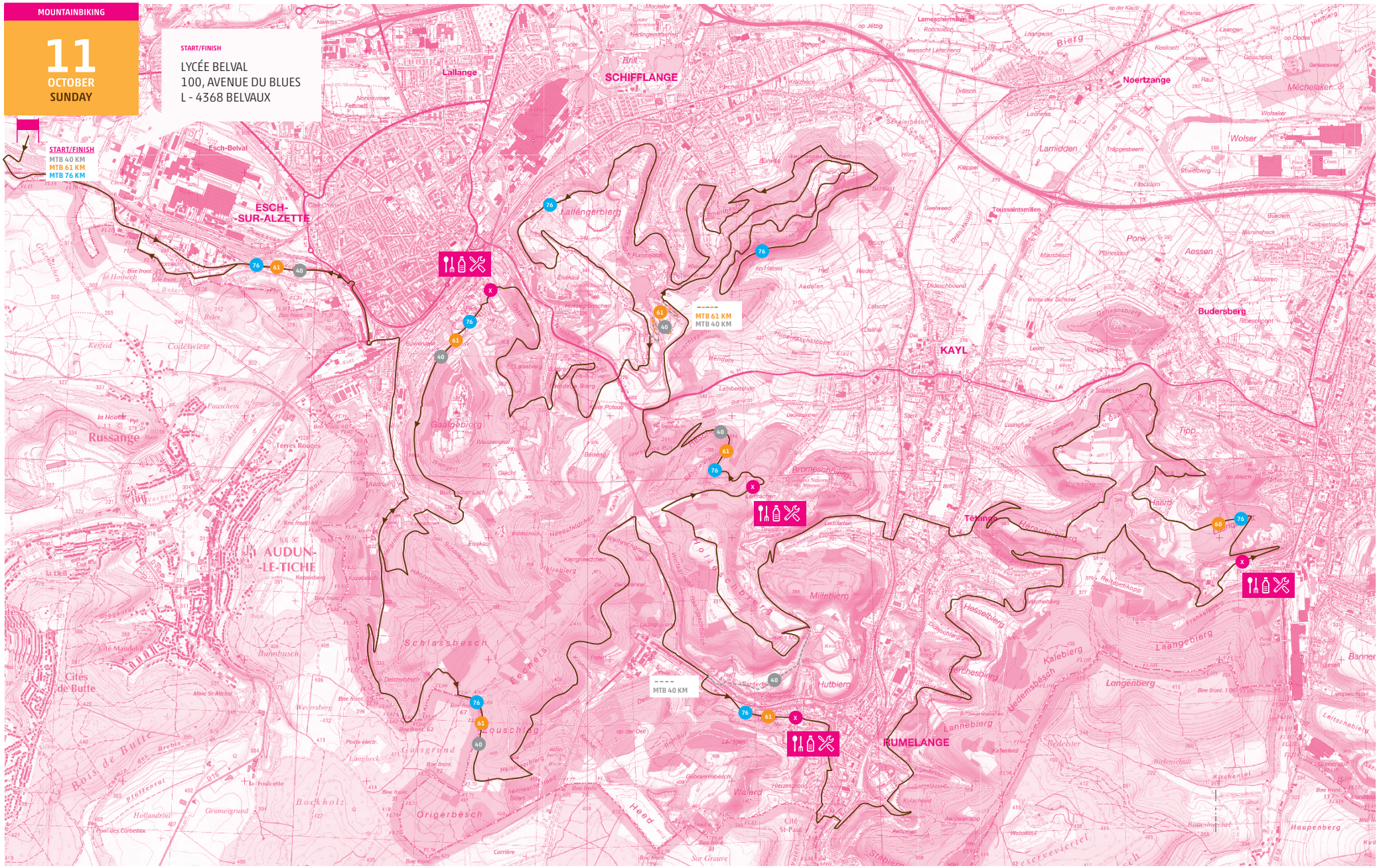
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Important Note 2: The organizers reserve the right to slightly modify (shorten or lengthen) the courses if necessary for safety or other reasons.

MOUNTAINBIKING

11 OCTOBER SUNDAY

START/FINISH

LYCÉE BELVAL
100, AVENUE DU BLUES
L - 4368 BELVAUX

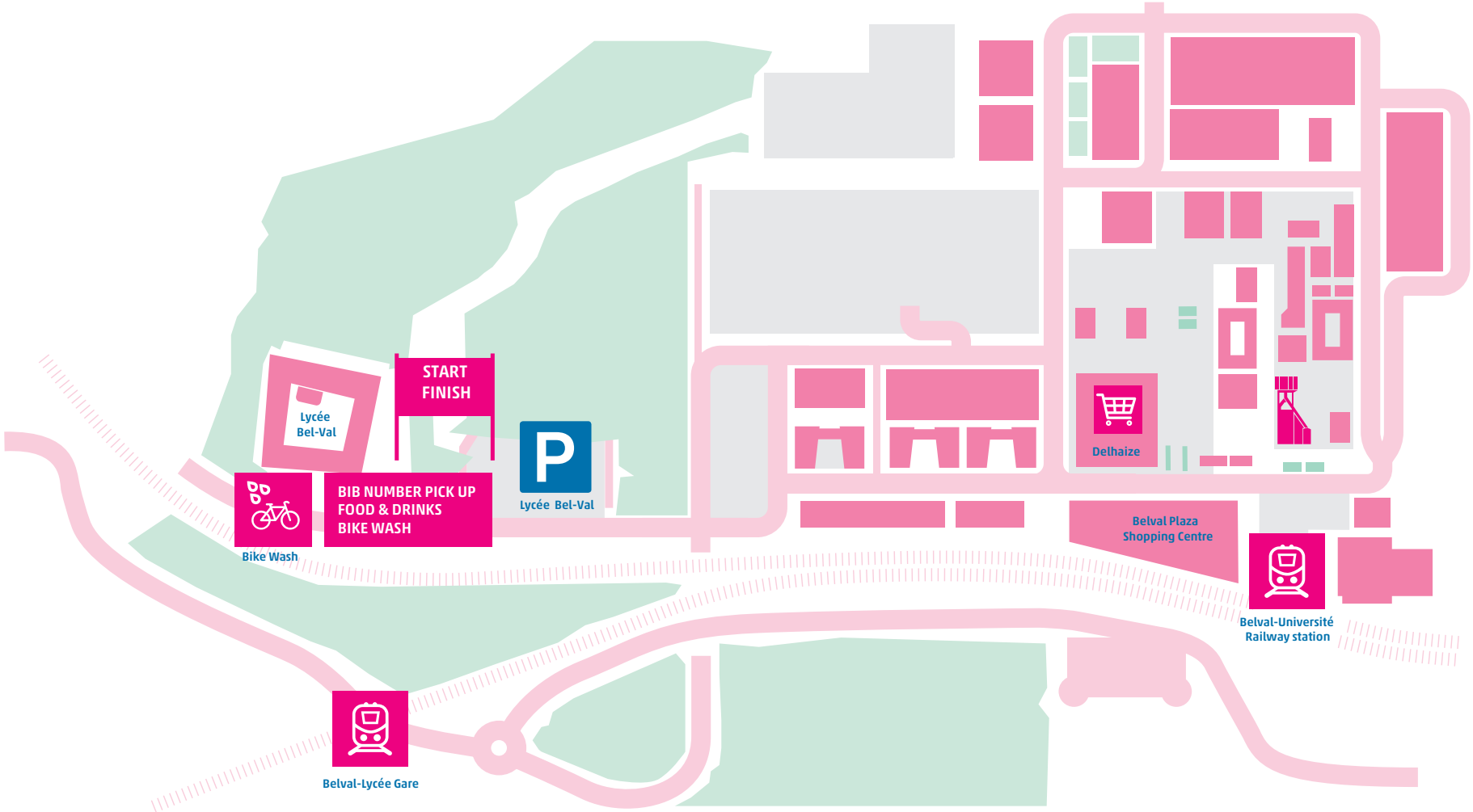


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XCM Championship: Riders will be escorted by the police at the start for a distance of approximately 5 km. Overtaking the police will result in the immediate disqualification of the rider. A simulated start will be given as soon as the riders enter the forest and the police move aside.

START/FINISH - FOOD VILLAGE

LYCÉE BELVAL
100, AVENUE DU BLUES
L - 4368 BELVAUX




MEET US AT BELVAL !