



Regulations ZWARTE CROSS OPEN 2026

1. General

The Zwarte Cross Open is a series of qualifying races initiated by Living for the Weekend, the KNMV, and the Zwarte Cross, and organized by local clubs throughout the Netherlands. In these races, motocross riders from the Netherlands and abroad can attempt to qualify for the Final during the Zwarte Cross festival in Lichtenvoorde.

This regulation contains all information about this unique qualifying series.

In 2026, a total of **12 classes** will participate in the Zwarte Cross Open. Each class runs its own race schedule.

Classes:

- 50cc
- 85cc
- 125cc Talents
- Classic 125
- Classic Open
- Regional Race (Streek race) 125cc
- Regional Race (Streek race) 250cc
- Regional Race (Streek race) Open
- Ladies (Dames)
- Heroes (Helden) 125cc
- Heroes (Helden) 250cc
- Heroes (Helden) 500cc



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2. Classes and Age Limits

- **50cc** – ages 5 to 9 (front wheel 12", rear wheel 10")
- **85cc** (small & big wheels)*
- **125cc Talents** – ages 13 to 17
- **Classic 125cc** **
- **Classic Open** ***
- **Ladies** ****
- **Regional Race 125cc** – from age 13 *****
- **Regional Race 250cc** – from age 15 *****
- **Regional Race Open** – from age 16 *****
- **Heroes 125cc** – from age 13
- **Heroes 250cc** – from age 15
- **Heroes 500cc** – from age 16

The maximum age limit applies until the end of the calendar year in which the rider reaches that age. The minimum age applies from the rider's birthday.

Example: If a rider turns 18 in 2026, they may not participate in the 125cc Talents class.

For each class, the maximum engine capacity (cc) applies. In the 250cc and 500cc classes, both two-stroke and four-stroke engines are allowed.

* **85cc:**

Small wheels: ages 10–14

Big wheels: ages 11–15

Participation with a 65cc big-wheel bike is allowed for riders aged 10–14.



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**** Classic 125cc:**

Two-stroke bikes only, model year up to and including 2008. Riders must be at least 13 years old.

***** Classic Open:**

Two-stroke bikes only, model year up to and including 2008, minimum 125cc and maximum 500cc. Riders must be at least 16 years old.

****** Ladies:**

From age 13 on 85cc or 125cc.

From age 15 up to 250cc.

From age 16 up to 500cc.

******* Regional Race classes:**

Only riders **without a start license** may participate. MON license holders "Juniors and Seniors" are exceptionally allowed.



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Qualification Races and Format

50cc

Two races (Reusel, Texel).

Top 40 qualify for the semi-final in Halle.

85cc

Four races (Axel, Lochem, Hummelo, Valkenswaard).

Top 40 qualify for the semi-final in Halle.

125cc Talents

Four races (Axel, Lochem, Heerde, Valkenswaard).

Top 40 qualify for the semi-final in Halle.

Ladies

Five races (Boekel, Lochem, Texel, Heerde, Valkenswaard).

Top 40 qualify for the semi-final in Halle.

Regional Race 125cc / 250cc / Open

Each class has **three series**. Riders may participate in multiple series.

Each series consists of three races; the top 20 riders per series qualify.

Total of **60 riders** advance to the semi-final in Halle.

Series 1: Axel / Reusel / Valkenswaard

Series 2: Lochem / Hellendoorn / Hummelo

Series 3: Texel / Heerde / Marum

Classic 125cc

Four races (Reusel, Lochem, Texel, Valkenswaard).

Top 60 qualify for the semi-final in Halle.



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Classic Open

Four races (Axel, Lochem, Hummelo, Valkenswaard).

Top 60 qualify for the semi-final in Halle.

Heroes 125cc / 250cc / 500cc

Four qualification opportunities (Boekel, Lochem, Hellendoorn, Marum).

A single **top-15 finish** is sufficient to qualify.

Total of **60 riders** advance to the semi-final in Halle.



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Multiple Classes

Riders may attempt to qualify in multiple classes, subject to the following rules:

- Only **one class per race day** may be ridden.
- As the semi-finals are held over two days, it is technically possible to compete in two classes during the Zwarte Cross Final weekend.

After Qualification for the semi-final

After qualifying for the semi-final, riders have **7 working days** to register for this semi-final.

If registration is not completed within 7 days, the qualification expires and the spot is assigned to the next rider in the results.

Class Division Semi-Final Halle

Saturday:

50cc, Regional Race 125cc, 250cc, Open, Classic 125cc, Classic Open

Sunday:

85cc, 125cc Talents, Ladies, Heroes 125cc, 250cc, 500cc



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Zwarte Cross Open Final – Lichtenvoorde

Friday:

50cc, 85cc, 125cc Talents, Regional Race 125cc, Classic 125cc

Saturday:

Ladies, Regional Race 250cc, Regional Race Open, Classic Open

Sunday:

Heroes 125cc, 250cc, 500cc



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3. Admission

Participation is open to riders holding:

- KNMV Basic Sport License or Motocross Start License
- MON (another Dutch federation) training pass or start license. (KNMV provides a free day license per event). See the link on the main page.
- Foreign license holders (KNMV provides a free day license per event)
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Organizers may exclude riders previously suspended or excluded due to misconduct.



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4. Entry

Preferred start numbers may be submitted. In case of conflicts, the organization assigns a final number.

Riders are responsible for correct registration details. Corrections can be requested via an **Administration Ticket** in the Moto Inside app.

Entries cannot be cancelled or refunded. Withdrawal is mandatory. Failure to withdraw may result in exclusion from future events.

Timing & Number Visibility

Each rider must use a personal **MYLAPS MX, X2, or TR2 transponder**.

Numbers must comply with KNMV Motocross regulations.

Allowed background colors: white, black, pink, blue, green, yellow, or red.

If worn on the jersey, the number must match the bike number or be clearly covered.



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5. Event Details

Each event has its own schedule and additional regulations, published in advance on the Living for the Weekend website.



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6. Starting Grid & Grouping

Depending on the event:

- Free practice or timed practice may be used.
- Timed practice determines grid positions and A/B groups.
- Promotion from B-final to A-final may be possible.
- Without timed practice:
 - Race 1 by draw
 - Race 2 by race 1 results
- Group racing without timed practice:
 - Odd numbers Group 1, even numbers Group 2



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7. Race Duration

- **50cc:** max. 10 minutes + 1 lap
- **All other classes:** max. 25 minutes + 1 lap



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8. Cancellation

If a qualifying race or semi-final is cancelled, the organization will decide promptly how to proceed.



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9. Results & Prize Ceremony

Results are determined solely by transponder signals.

Protests must be filed within **30 minutes** after publication.

Up to three trophies per class per event.

50cc riders receive a souvenir.

Qualified riders must personally collect their qualification ticket after race two.



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10. Wildcards

The organization may assign wildcard riders per class.

Considerations include:

- Effort shown despite missing events
- Previous results



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11. Environmental Rules

- Approved silencer required
- Environmental mat mandatory
- Tear-offs prohibited
- Washing bikes only at designated areas
- No disposal of oil, tires, or waste



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12. Liability

Participation is entirely at the rider's own risk.

Dangerous or aggressive behavior will be penalized.



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13. Additional Provisions

- Technical inspection and sound checks may occur
- Violations result in a 10-position penalty
- Ticket resale is prohibited
- Finalists receive **3 free access passes**
- Only one vehicle allowed in the paddock
- Multiple class qualification does not increase passes
- No reserve list after semi-finals
- Throwing or spraying sand toward spectators is strictly forbidden.
- Riders must be able to identify themselves and enter the funnel without a helmet.
- Organizers may require riders to provide a flag marshal.
- Instructions from organizing clubs must be followed.

Classic Classes:

- Bikes up to model year **31-12-2008**
- Original or period-correct parts only

In all cases not covered by these regulations, the organizing club decides in consultation with the initiating parties.