

# Four Days of the Yser 2025 regulations

## **Introduction:**

These regulations provide you with the necessary general information regarding the execution but are subject to change.

The 52st edition of the Yser Four Days Marches will take place from Tuesday, August 19 to Friday, August 22, 2025.

The Four Days of the Yser is a non-competitive sports and walking event where, during four days, participants can choose between different distances: 8, 16, 24 or 32 km. (distances may vary slightly) The aim is to make these routes as wheelchair accessible as possible.

## **Article 1:**

The Four Days of the Yser is organized by the executive committee of the Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw (non-profit organization Vierdaagse van de IJzer) in cooperation with the five partner cities or towns: Koksijde, Nieuwpoort, Diksmuide, Poperinge and Ypres.

The executive committee of the Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw is responsible for the organization of the routes and offers the possibility to use common transport between the partner cities or towns and the starting point.

The partner municipality and cities Oostduinkerke, Nieuwpoort, Diksmuide, Poperinge and Ypres reserve the right to organise collective accommodation and/or catering on the occasion of the Four Days of the Yser every year.

## **Article 2:**

Each participant decides how many and which days he or she wishes to walk and is free to choose the distance to be covered on the chosen day(s).

Each walker will receive a walking badge indicating which days they are registered for. Participants in 4x32km are registered via a chip on the walking badge. This registration is necessary to ensure the awarding of a medal and any token. Depending on the number of days and the chosen distance, the souvenir will be handed to the participant either daily or at the end of the event. An overview of the possible mementos can be found on the website.

## **Article 3:**

Registration for walking and possible use of common transport shall only take place in the manner and under the conditions set by the Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw. Registration is strictly personal and cannot be transferred. Advance registrations with an early book rate for walking will officially open from 29 April 2025 and run until 14 August 2025. For last-minute registrations from 15 August 2025 online and on-site, normal rates will apply.

**Article 4:**

The Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw has obtained an agreement through Wandelsport Vlaanderen vzw to apply a collective accident insurance to its participants on condition that the official registration certificate can be presented. This insurance covers the participants in case of injury due to a sudden event, the cause or one of the causes of which is external to the victim's organism.

**Article 5:**

Registration for the accommodation and meals offered by the partner town or cities is the responsibility of the organizing town or city. They oversee all communications and payments concerning the accommodation and meals. The options offered as well as the contact details can be found on the website.

**Article 6:**

The Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw accepts online payments with BANCONTACT, MASTERCARD, VISA and iDEAL. If payment is made by credit card, the amount will be debited from your card immediately after confirmation of payment. Paid registration fees cannot be refunded by the organizer under any circumstances.

**Article 7:**

Any cancellation by the participant or participant will be sent by e-mail to [info@vierdaagse.be](mailto:info@vierdaagse.be) or by registered letter and this before 14 August 2025. The amount paid for the registration of the walk(s) and any common transport will then be refunded minus an administrative fee of EUR 1,50 excl VAT. No registration fees will be refunded after 14 August 2025.

**Article 8:**

By registering for the Four Days of the Yser the participant declares that he or she is familiar with and agrees with the regulations.

**Article 9:**

The organization has the right to check if participants have their valid ticket or E-ticket when using the common transport between the 5 partner cities or town and the starting points during the event.

**Article 10:**

The routes are such that the start and finish are at the same place. If this is not the case, the organization Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw will provide free transport to bring the participants back to the official starting point.

**Article 11:**

The Four Days of the Yser is a walking tour and not a competition. Participation is voluntary and at one's own risk.

**Article 12:**

During the event participants are, in any manner whatsoever, prohibited from

- Expressing any political or religious opinion.
- Advertising, unless with permission of the executive committee of the Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw.
- Carrying weapons, visible or not, except for servicemen.
- Using means of transport, motorised or not.
- Causing noise pollution.

**Article 13:**

Participants are obliged to follow the signposted routes, and to carry their personal walking badge visibly.

**Article 14:**

Participants are required to dress in accordance with public decency standards.

**Article 15:**

Instructions from the organization, the (military) police and other emergency services shall be observed and respected. The Belgian traffic regulations apply on public roads. It is strictly forbidden to enter private grounds or properties unless they are part of the signposted route.

**Article 16:**

Violation of the provisions of or under these regulations may lead to (conditional) exclusion from (further) participation, without any compensation or reimbursement.

**Article 17:**

By registering the participant agrees to the use of his or her personal details and/or his or her image in print, on photo, film, video and the like by the Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw for promotional or informing purposes, without the participant being entitled to any compensation. The Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw undertakes to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation in force since May 25, 2018 in order to protect the privacy of all participants.

**Article 18:**

The Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw cannot in any way be held responsible or liable (to pay compensation) for any accident and/or illness of participants, for any loss of property, or for any other alleged damage suffered by one or more participants.

**Article 19:**

The organizer reserves the right to change the routes, the starting and arrival times or the starting and arrival places, or to cancel the Four Days of the Yser fully or partly because of extreme weather conditions or other circumstances determined by the organizer, with or without consultation with the authorities or the police. In such cases, participants shall not be entitled to a refund of the registration fee or to compensation for any damage whatsoever unless the organization Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw decides otherwise.

**Article 20:**

In all cases not covered by these regulations the executive committee of the Vierdaagse van de IJzer vzw is authorized to take a decision. In case of disputes about the interpretation of these regulations only the Dutch text shall prevail. All lawsuits shall be settled by the court of Veurne.