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PRE-PROGRAM



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Practical information (general) :

- Meeting of swimmers :

IPES Huy 2 (4500 Huy, Avenue Delchambre 6)

- Timing :

09:00 - 09:45:	Distribution of hats and marking of numbers
9:30 am:	Meeting of delegates and composition of the Jury at IPES Huy II
10:15 am:	Start of the first race
1:00 p.m.:	End of the last race – Reopening of the Meuse to navigation
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm:	Beginning of meals at IPES Huy II
From 2:30 p.m.:	Prize-giving + presentation of a souvenir to each participant

- Pre-registration and conditions :

Pre-registration required (deadline: 09/02/2025)

The computerized registration form is available on the website:

<http://www.traverseedelameuse.be>

Participation fee: Free

Please note: Be registered with a swimming club with a "Cold Water" section or a cold water swimming federation is MANDATORY to participate in the event.

- Amenities :

Changing rooms, showers and toilets are available for swimmers and accompanying persons.

No service-Transport by coach between the arrival area and the departure area (max 500m on foot).

Return of swimmers' belongings (sweaters, bathrobes, shoes, etc.) by vehicle from the start area to the finish area.

Outdoor bar present in the finish area.

Safety ensured by the presence of boats and divers.

A meal and bar will be open after the races

• For all individual races :

1) Departure: call room, left bank, Quai de Compiègne, 4500 Huy.

Call from the participants 5 minutes before the start of the race

2) Finish: between the two yellow stripes, right bank, upstream of the Pont de l'Europe, Quai d'Arona in 4500 Huy

Minimum distance: 125 metres (depending on the trajectory adopted during the crossing).

Race Rules :

Available on our website from January 2025.

List of categories :

1	Women's breaststroke	1995 to 2004 (B)
2	Men's breaststroke	1995 to 2004 (B)
3	Women's breaststroke	2005 to 2015 (E)
4	Men's breaststroke	2005 to 2015 (E)
5	Women's breaststroke	1975 to 1984 (D) and 1985 to 1994 (C)
6	Men's breaststroke	1985 to 1994 (C)
7	Men's breaststroke	1975 to 1984 (D)
8	Women's breaststroke	1965 to 1974 (E), 1964 and before (F)
9	Men's breaststroke	1965 to 1974 (E), 1964 and before (F)
Break -> Baptisms along the wall (Right Bank)		
10	Women's Freestyle	1985 to 1994 (C), 1995 to 2004 (B), 2005 to 2015 (A)
11	Freestyle Men	1985 to 1994 (C), 1995 to 2004 (B), 2005 to 2015 (A)
12	Women's Freestyle	1975 to 1984 (D), 1965 to 1974 (E), 1964 and before (F)
13	Freestyle Men	1975 to 1984 (D)



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14	Freestyle Men	1965 to 1974 (E), 1964 and before (F)
Break + preparation of the relay		
15	Mixed Relay 4 x 1 crossing: (*) 1 man, 1 woman, 1 breaststroke, the rest of your choice	

Two individual races are allowed per swimmer (1x Breaststroke and 1x Freestyle)

The order of the races could be changed to, without penalizing swimmers, increase the recovery time of swimmers participating in several races. A program will be published and available on the day of the event.

Cancellation of the event :

In the event that the flow of the Meuse is greater than 600m³/s and/or the wind gusts are greater than 100km/h, the event in the Meuse will be cancelled.

In such a case, the races could be moved to the pool in the new outdoor pool of the AquaHuy aquatic center (To be confirmed).

Relay runs will be cancelled if the flow exceeds 300m³/s.