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It all starts with a dream

On 17 April 1971 the Eurocircuit in Valkenswaard opened its gates as the first Rallycross circuit in the world. History was made on this track, many European championships and other important races were hosted here.

After 2012 a long period started in which the Eurocircuit focussed on national races and smaller foreign championships. Unfortunately, the European (and World) championships no longer visited Valkenswaard.

As you might know, the Eurocircuit has gone through some difficult times. For some time, the future of the track was insecure due to difficult discussions about permits. Even today, we are still fighting to secure our future. One thing is sure, we will not give up and keep on fighting. And luckily that mentality is paying off.

Since a couple of years, the popularity of Rallycross and the Eurocircuit is growing again. In 2024 we had a number of very successful events and started dreaming to welcome a true international event on our track again, just like the old days.

Also in 2024 a big majority of the city council in Valkenswaard voted for a new zoning plan that creates a future for the Eurocircuit.

Now, in 2025, the Eurocircuit is proud to welcome RallyX in Valkenswaard for the first time. We have been following the format with close attention. After a constructive talk in Sweden in the summer of 2024, things developed quickly. When RallyX reached out to explore the possibilities of two RallyX-races on the Eurocircuit, we didn't hesitate for a moment and grabbed our chance.

With RallyX, we are proud to offer you Rallycross at an international top level again. Rallycross as it was in the old days. A big international field of drivers, spectacular cars and close racing. Rallycross the way it is meant to be.

We want to thank everyone that contributes directly or indirectly to this great event: especially our loyal sponsors, our tireless and loyal group of volunteers, the city of Valkenswaard, RallyX, KNAF and last but not least you as a visitor!

Welcome to the Eurocircuit, enjoy this great event. Rallycross has come home!

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Eurocircuit

The rallycross circuit in Valkenswaard is a permanent track that complies with international FIA regulations. It is used for various rallycross competitions, including the Dutch Rallycross Championship.



General characteristics.

Location: Victoriedijk 8, 5551 TK Valkenswaard, North Brabant (NL).

Opened: 1971 - the world's first purpose-built rallycross circuit

Length: 1,036 meters (1,066 meters including the Joker Lap)

Direction of travel: clockwise **Starting length:** 250 meters **Width:** minimum 10 meters

Surface: 60% asphalt, 40% gravel

Circuit layout

The circuit contains several challenging

turns and sections:

Per Eklund-bocht: sharp right turn after

the start

Jan de Rooy-brug: underpass leading to

Blomqvist street

Korte Knie: 45 degree turn to the right

Jubileumbocht: turn to the left

Daytonabocht: right turn

Tarzanbocht: sharp right turn just before the finish line

Starting on the second lap, the race goes through a chicane about halfway between the start and Eklund bend.











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Johan Kwinten minigraververhuur



Time table

Saturday 26 april

Gates open	8.00u
Practice	8.15u
Q1	10.15u
Q2	11.40u
Autograph session	12.15u
Q3	13.55u
Semi	15.40u
Finals	16.55u
Prizegiving	17.50u

Sunday 27 april

8.00u
9.00u
10.15u
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Click here for live timing









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RALLY



Ulrik Linnemann, the Danish rallycross driver who built an impressive career including a second-place finish in the European Rallycross Championship in 2011 and 2016 and a third-place finish in 2013.

After a serious crash in August 2023 at the Estering circuit, in which his car was completely destroyed, he feared the end of his career. However, thanks to the support of the rallycross community, he came back stronger. In July 2024, Linnemann finished in Sweden after another crash in qualifying, but in August the same year he scored a victory in his home country.



With three podium finishes in the last four races of the 2024 season, he regained his confidence. In Valkenswaard, Linnemann, driving the EX Jos Kuypers Fiësta, will fight for victory at the Eurocircuit.





Simon Tiger

Simon Tiger has established himself as the contender in the RallyX Nordic Open 2WD class. With his striking red BMW E30, equipped with a powerful 600 hp Bi-turbo engine, he is the man to beat at the Eurocircuit. Tiger is known for his impressive cornering, often with one or even two wheels coming off the ground.

In 2021, he clinched the championship with six wins from seven races. After a challenging season in 2023, in which technical problems disrupted his performance, he still managed to capture his second title in three years. In 2024, he successfully defended his title, winning the final at the Estering in Germany. With nine wins and 10 podium finishes, Simon Tiger has firmly proved his dominance in the Open 2WD class.





"My passion for rallycross started at an early age, inspired by my family. At the age of five I rode my very first race and since then the bike has never stopped. This weekend I will start in the crosscar and try to continue the strong line of my performance in Portugal. Everything felt perfect there, and with that same confidence I will get behind the wheel again in Valkenswaard.

RallyX is for me the ultimate competition: the biggest, toughest and best series in the world, with spectacular tracks and a great atmosphere. My goal this weekend? Winning in the Netherlands as well as keeping the championship lead when I go home.

The competition is fierce - all fast, driven drivers - but I believe in myself. I will go for the win. See you on the track!"







Victor Vrancx

"My passion for rallycross started at an early age, when I went to the races with my father. He worked as a mechanic and so I became fascinated by the sport. After a few years, I decided to visit an event again and then I knew for sure: this is what I wanted to do myself! The mix of asphalt, gravel and the technical challenge make rallycross unique for me."

"RallyX is more than a competition; it feels like a big family. Everyone respects each other and races hard but fairly, which makes for spectacular racing. It is one of the highest levels in rallycross and it is a great experience to be part of it. My main goal is to have fun and enjoy the weekend. A podium finish or victory would be fantastic, but we will see what is possible!"

Victor will start in the Open 4WD class with the Peugeot 208 WRX, with a whopping 650hp it is one of the fastest cars in the field driving, which makes it extra exciting!





Peter McGary

After a motocross accident, Irish driver Peter McGary swapped the two-wheeler for a Peugeot 205 in the Stockhatch class. The start of a rallycross career that has now spanned 15 years. His love for the sport originated along the track at Mondello Park, and he is now a familiar face in the paddock. "The atmosphere is second to none - full of passion and character," he enthuses.



This weekend, he will make his debut at the iconic Valkenswaard circuit. 'It will be a learning weekend,' he indicates. "Saturday is all about discovery, Sunday is all about acceleration." Although the competition is strong with fast local riders at the start, McGary remains realistic but combative.

"I'm really looking forward to it!"

Nathan Ottink



"As a child, I grew up in the world of rallycross, thanks to my father who was already active in the sport. My passion was really ignited when I saw big names like Petter Solberg driving in the World Championship. Since then it was clear: this is what I wanted to do.

RallyX has become one of the biggest rallycross championships in Europe, with always a strong field of competitors and exciting races. I am therefore extremely grateful that Bart Bel gave me the opportunity to drive the Ford Focus.

My goal for Valkenswaard is clear: to perform as well as possible. The competition is strong, with drivers like Kevin Eriksson and Viktor Vranckx also aiming for victory. But I am ready and looking forward to it with enthusiasm!"





Johnny Verkuringen

"Since childhood, I have been fascinated by cars and motorsport. The competitive element and the excitement of the races in rallycross appeal to me enormously. This is the only sport in which you find such intense competition with a constant challenge to improve both yourself and the car.

RallyX reminds me of the days when rallycross in Europe was pure and casual. No excessive rules or expensive investments, but focus on the sport, the fans and the drivers. This is exactly what our sport needs now.

Taking part is an experience in itself, especially with the VW Scirocco 4x4 supercar. The feeling of being part of such an international event is fantastic. Of course I hope for a final place; if everything goes according to plan, this would be the ultimate crowning achievement of my 40-year career.

The contender? Viktor Vranckx, without a doubt!"





"My passion for rallycross started as a child, when I followed every race closely. After a few years of autocross I switched to rallycross and it has been my great love ever since. I will definitely be there this weekend at RallyX at Valkenswaard and I am looking forward to it immensely!

What I love about RallyX is the atmosphere and the spectacle, which are just as magical as the old European Championship



races. This year I want to go for another podium finish and improve on my result from last year. We have already shown what we can do, and I am convinced we will bang again this year! Come and enjoy the action and adrenaline too!"

Yorick will be at the start in his rock-solid Volvo 242 with the 3.4-litre atmospheric engine that is certainly known on the Eurocircuit.





Niels van de Warrenburg

"I was only six days old when I stood on the Eurocircuit for the first time - dad had to race, and everyone went along, including me.' From that early start grew a love of technique, speed and quirkiness. 'The freedom in the regulations makes it exciting: every vehicle is unique, with clever inventions and brute force.



At RallyX Valkenswaard, for me it's all about atmosphere, experience and discovering where I stand among the competitors. Our completely rebuilt Volvo S40 (380 hp, 1200 kg) is a bold project, based on our own vision. A top 10 ranking would be nice, but if the setup is right, there might be more in it.

The battle promises to be exciting, especially with the technical nature of the Eurocircuit challenging the Nordic favourites. One thing is certain: it will be a spectacle for all!"





Kristof Bex

"My passion for rallycross started thanks to my uncle, Ludo Helven. I stood by the side to cheer him on for years and always looked up to him. That's how I got into the world of rallycross.

What I like mostly is the diversity of cars, the raw engines and the simple, no-nonsense regulations. No endless bullshit - just racing. During RallyX, my biggest goal is to have fun. If we can



compete and make it to the finals, my weekend is a success. I will be driving the Volvo S40, good for 400 bhp from an atmospheric engine. With a driveable weight of 1220 kg, it is a pure driver's car. Ready to rock on the Eurocircuit!

I see Yorick Maeyninckx as a strong contender for victory - he will definitely go for it."





Bart Bel

"Rallycross for me is the most beautiful form of the sport. With eight cars side by side at the start and the adrenaline exploding in the first corner. That feeling cannot be compared to anything. For me, the focus in recent months has been on organising this unique event. The fact that after 14 years we can welcome another top European level event to Valkenswaard is wonderful.

I compete in the Open 2WD class in a BMW E30 M3 with a 3.4-litre Volvo engine good for around 360 hp. It is a car with character and every lap is a battle. In Buxtehude earlier, I finished in a nice second place. With more than 30 competitors from all over Europe, this time it will be quite a challenge to reach the final. But secretly, of course, I dream of a place on the podium.

Open 2WD is the future of rallycross nationally and internationally. More spectacle, more battle, and above all: pure passion."





Tom Geenen

Rallycross is in Tom's blood. A cousin of Jos Sterkens, he has been working on racing cars since he was sixteen. After previous participations in the FIA European Rallycross Championship, Tom Geenen returns to international level this year. The Belgian is opting for a full season in RallyX South's Open 2WD class.

"I have great memories of our races with the Opel Corsa Supercar. When RallyX South was announced, we didn't hesitate for a moment."

Tom will bring his Volvo S40 to the start, equipped with a 3.0L 16V engine with 365 hp, sequential gearbox and multilink rear axle - with bodywork inspired by Ludvig Hunsbedt's car.

"Good results are nice, but competing at this level is already a dream come true."





Mervin Klaassen

What started in the paddock turned into a place behind the wheel. Thanks to his son Pim, who competes in the junior crosscar class, he got infected with the rallycross virus himself. "Just watching was nothing for me. I wanted to experience it myself." And that he did with his international debut at the challenging Montalegre circuit in Portugal.

Although the second day ended less well, he mostly looks back on an unforgettable experience. "Racing among the big names at the highest level. The adrenaline, the atmosphere, the level - it was intense but this tastes like more."



His goal? To improve himself, make it to finals and get everything out of it. "If I make the finals, that's already a win for me." For the final victory, he is still keeping himself modest, but his confidence in the region is high: "Whether it will be a Dutchman or a Belgian - I am sure we will soon see a winner from the Low Countries."





Pim Klaassen

Meet one of the youngest talents in the field of competitors this weekend! At just 10 years old, he competed in junior crosscar. Thanks to an early entry he got the chance to compete early in the sport and he seized the opportunity with both hands.

For him, every race weekend is about gaining experience, learning, and above all enjoying driving. Competing at European level is no mean feat, but he is not deterred. 'Competing with the big boys is already a dream come true for me,' he said.

Whatever he achieves this weekend, every lap on the circuit is a step forward in his development as a rallycross driver. A young talent to keep an eye on - the future of rallycross looks bright and promising!





Roel Verhoeven

"Since my childhood, I went to rallies and rallycross races in Valkenswaard with my father. Soon rallycross was the ultimate motorsport for me. After the unexpected death of my father, rallycross remained a dream. In 2008, I started drift races, but it was not until 2011, when I met Johnny Verkuringen, that I actually stepped into the rallycross world. Johnny invited me to an open day in Maasmechelen, and a dream came true!

Now, 14 years later, Johnny and I run the beautiful rallycross team together. After my first RallyX races in 2023, I want to be on the start line with Johnny in Valkenswaard. Johnny will compete in the Open 4WD class with his VW Scirocco, and I am working hard to prepare my Skoda Fabia as a supercar, although it remains exciting whether it will be ready in time.

We aim for a good result and want to make it a great party together with our supporters!"





Ariane van Lommel

"I started rallycross out of pure love for the adrenaline and the atmosphere. RallyX is really alive - drivers from all sorts of countries come together to compete, and that makes it magical. My Volvo 242, with a 3.0L 8-valve under the hood and 1200 kg of pure character, is ready for action. I look forward to competing and, above all, enjoying every moment.

Valkenswaard is my favourite circuit, so this is the moment to take the plunge among the big names. I participate for the experience, for the fun - without expectations, but with full enthusiasm.

For the win? Then I'm looking at Kristof Bex - after his bad luck in Buxtehude last year, he deserves it - and Yorick Maeyninckx will also go full steam ahead. One thing is certain: it will be a fantastic weekend!"





Pim Vlassak

Rallycross in the Vlassak's family DNA. His father became European champion in 2002 and although he did not consciously experience that time, the trophies and photos at home were enough to fuel a fervent dream. Now is his moment. Rally-X evokes memories of the European Championships of old, when he was impressed by the spectacle as a small boy.



With Valkenswaard as the setting, he wants nothing more than to make the final - and secretly he is aiming for the podium. He does not yet know his competitors inside out, but the ambition is definitely there - 'chances are always there.'

Together with Kobe Pauwels, who is also driving a Mygale, he is looking forward to an exciting battle. The will to perform is great, but the fun in competition is at least as important.

A new generation is ready. The dream of the past lives on - now at full speed.



Neel Lepelaars

"Rallycross has always fascinated me. As a child, I was often at the track and when Bart Bel returned in 2022, it really started itching for me. In March 2023. I got the chance to test drive an RST with no driving experience. I immediately got my licence and then drove the full NK season.

What makes RallyX special for me is the mix of atmosphere, technique, challenging circuits and the fierce battle on the track. My goal? Above all, have fun and enjoy every moment. Making it to the final would be great.

I may have the least driving experience in junior cross-cart, but I know the track like no other. In rallycross, you never know: anything can happen in the final."



