



## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BUSWORLD VEHICLE AWARDS 2025

1. The twenty-first edition of the Busworld Vehicle Awards in Brussels is set to take place on Saturday 27 September 2025 and consists of a series of both static and driving tests and a jury deliberation.

The static tests are to be performed on the parking lot of Kortrijk Xpo Doorniksesteenweg 216 in Kortrijk. The driving tests will be performed on the public roads in the neighbourhood of Kortrijk Xpo.

2. Trials and tests are open to the public. Public safety precautions and the unimpeded access by the field juries may require specific restrictions. The instructions as issued by the Organizer are to be strictly observed.

3. The awards consist of honorary degrees for the Labels and of trophies for the Grand Awards. Those are handed over to the manufacturers of the award winning vehicles. Other materials will be made available to promote the winning labels and/or awards, such as videos, stickers, logos, etc.

4. Only vehicles of manufacturers that are exhibiting at Busworld Europe (Brussels) 2025 can enter the competition. The participating vehicle or a vehicle of the exact same type must be presented in the trade show. The participating vehicle must have a **valid license plate for Belgium while transporting people, and an insurance for the driving jury and other jury member passengers.**

### Deadlines:

- ✓ **Friday 16 May 2025:** confirmation of participation in Busworld Vehicle Awards 2025 + number of participating vehicles per category to be sent to [awards@busworld.org](mailto:awards@busworld.org)
- ✓ **Friday 13 June 2025:** completed online registration forms
- ✓ **Friday 27 June 2025:** go or no go of your participation per vehicle
- ✓ **Friday 1 August 2025:** completed online technical data sheets

The rule is: first come, first served and this per category. The date of your first confirmation counts.

5. Each vehicle must have the consent of the jury to enter the competition. To avoid vehicles participating in the wrong category, the jury will decide if a vehicle was entered in the correct category and can change the category if needed. Consent or denial will be communicated at the latest on **27 June 2025**. If a participant needs this information sooner, they need to give detailed information of the vehicle before the deadline, so the jury can make its decision.

Vehicles can participate to one of the categories: 'Bus' or 'Coach'.

In the **Bus** category, only full battery electric and hydrogen buses will be allowed. The following 3 criteria need to be met to be allowed into the Bus competition: standing places + facilities for wheel chairs + minimum 50 passengers.



In the **Coach** category all drivelines are allowed.

If your vehicle does not meet the criteria of the category, it will be denied to participate in that category and redirected to another category if possible.

Each category has a minimum of 4 participating vehicles and a maximum of 10 participating vehicles. If the minimum is not met, the category will not be opened to compete in and your participation will be cancelled. If you are the 11<sup>th</sup> participating vehicle in a category, your participation will be added to the waiting list. In case another participant cancels, your vehicle can enter the competition

In total a maximum of 20 vehicles can participate to the competition no matter how many categories there will be.

6. The 3 Busworld Vehicle Awards Labels (Safety – Comfort & Ergonomics – Ecology) will be awarded maximum once to the vehicle with the highest score. However, if the jury does not find the vehicle outstanding enough in this category, it is possible that a specific Label will not be granted. If there is an ex aequo in points, the Label can be exceptionally granted more than once. The judging of the labels will be done separately for each vehicle category.

7. The entry fee for participation to the Busworld Vehicle Awards is € 1,250 per vehicle. This amount is payable from the date of registration and is due by September 1, 2025 at the latest. Payment is to be made by transfer to bank account number nr. IBAN BE11 4675 3708 5148 - BAAV-Roeselare.

Every exhibiting manufacturer of Busworld Europe (Brussels) 2025 automatically has the right to enter with two vehicles for free to the Busworld Vehicle Awards, in any combination of bus and coach. Possible extra free entries are linked to the surface of the booth of the exhibitor at Busworld Europe (Brussels) 2025:

**0m<sup>2</sup> – 999m<sup>2</sup>: standard, two entries for free**  
**1,000m<sup>2</sup> - 1,999m<sup>2</sup>: a third possible entry for free**  
**2,000m<sup>2</sup> - 2,999m<sup>2</sup>: a fourth possible entry for free**

Busworld exhibitors are under no obligation to enter the competition, however.

8. All vehicles that have been registered for entry in the competition are to report, together with their driver, **at the parking lot of Kortrijk Xpo (change of address of the competition)** on Friday September 26, 2025 between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. If your vehicle is not delivered by Friday 26 September 2025 7:00PM, it may result in automatic disqualification.

9. All entered vehicles will remain on site in a monitored section of the parking area for the entire duration of the competition until such time as they are released. Early departure of the vehicles may result in automatic disqualification.



10. A representative (driver) of the participating manufacturer must be present at all times during the Busworld Vehicle Awards test day. This person is to remain in touch with the Organiser, reporting each and every transfer of the vehicle.

We strongly suggest the presence of a representative of the engineering division during the field tests on Saturday 27 September 2025 for providing information to the members of the field jury. All staff attending the test day will receive a clear briefing so the jury can proceed with their judging without any waste of time: no presentations or speeches are to be made, they can only reply to questions asked by the jury. Extra information should have been provided during the registration process, since there is no more time for this at the test day. The vehicle staff should also give enough space to the jury group, so they can work adequately.

11. The participant confirms that his vehicle has valid license plates and has been **duly insured** against road traffic accidents and motor vehicle damage, incurred both by himself as well as third parties, both within and outside of the scope of the competition. The participant needs to officially declare this in the online registration. A professional member of the jury will perform a test drive on public roads.

12. Upon presenting the vehicle, entrants are required to tender documentary evidence of the vehicle chassis number and the vehicle type.

13. The jury includes specialists from the trade press, professional associations, bus and coach operators and other professionals such as safety and engineering experts.

14. **Decisions are carried by a majority vote. A vehicle is judged in the way it is presented, the jury will not take the options list into account, since they cannot judge the options on paper. It is very important to present the vehicle in its most equipped form. A general summary of what the jury will look at, will be made available for the participant. The jury's decisions are not open to challenge.**

15. The prize winners will be announced and celebrated during the Opening & Awards Dinner Show on Friday evening 3rd of October 2025 (timing tbc) in Palace 10 of Brussels Expo.

17. The organisers may see fit to revise the rules and regulations in hand. In this case, they will immediately advise the entrants of any changes made.