BERGKÖNIG
SWISS VINTAGE CYCLING FESTIVAL
27-29 AUGUST 2021 | GSTAAD

Final instructions for participants

Event village / Start/Finish

Back in Gstaad Pedestrian Area!!! 😉

Kapälliplatz, Promenade 59, 3780 Gstaad

Distribution of start numbers

The distribution of start numbers is situated in the event village. It is open only on

Friday, August 27, 09:00 h to 14:00 h (participants to Time Trial only)
Saturday, August 28, 09:00 h to 15:00 h (all other participants)

Participants will receive a starter package consisting of
- 1 start number participant (to be fixed to rear of jersey)
- 1 start number bike (to be fixed to the front of the frame triangle)
- Roadbook with description of routings and block fields for passage controls
- Wristband welcome drink at Gstaad Palace
- Wristband for catering areas long the circuits and in the event village
- Small presents of event partners

ATTENTION: Participant starter packages are sorted by start numbers. For a quick procedure please check your start number and tell it to the marshals during distribution.

ATTENTION: Starter packages need to be collected personally since you will have to sign a disclaimer.

Mountain Time Trial to Alp Gumm, Friday from 14:30

Only participants can attend the time trial who:
- are on the relevant start list for friday
- wear the wrist band
- have fitted starting numbers correctly to bike and jersey

The full reglementations and the start list including start times are online here:
https://www.bergkoenig.cc/mountain-tt-friday.html

Price giving ceremony for time trial, directly on site of arrival at Alp Gumm

There will be local Saanegutsch beer and the local speciality “shaved aged cheese” (from the very alp). A cool cow statue by artist David Aigroz made from driftwood of the local river Saane will be raffled amongst all finishers (need to be on spot during raffle).

Park Gstaad Sprint, Saturday at 16:15 h

The sprint to Grand Hotel Park Gstaad will take place on Saturday at 16:15 from the pedestrian area of Gstaad (Promenade 59, 3780 Gstaad).

There will be a group start EXACTLY at 16:15. Please make sure you will be lined up in time behind the lead-car!

The route of the sprint measures only about 2km. It leads through the complete pedestrian area, there is a first ramp up to Park Gstaad and a second ramp after Park Gstaad to finish in a short loop downhill to arrive at the hotel from top.

The road will be closed to traffic during the sprint. BUT STILL THIS IS NOT A RACE! There will be no winner nor looser, participating is everything. Please remember this! We don’t want stupid accidents du to exaggerated ambitions!

Welcome Cocktail at Grand Hotel Park Gstaad, Saturday 16:30 h to 17:30 h

The welcome drink is open to all participants. But you will need your wristband that is distributed with your starter package. No wristband, no access.

Tickets for companions can be bought online here
https://www.bergkoenig.cc/store/p27/Tickets_Companions_Welcome_Cocktail.html?lang=en

Starting times on Sunday

Start for the big BERGKÖNIG Round is by group start exactly at 08:00 h.

Starting slot for the Pedaleur de Charme course is from 08:30 h to 09:30 h. Ceremonial group starts will be at 08:30 and 09:00.

Helmet

Bicycle helmets have been launched about 20 years ago (with exception of the old leather racing helmets). So modern bicycle helmets are not “Vintage” and disturb the appropriate styling.

On the other hand there is no doubt that riding with a helmet offers more security.

Participants can freely decide if they concentrate more on style or more on security.

Therefore a bicycle helmet is neither mandatory nor forbidden.

Parking

No dedicated parking is foreseen for participants of BERGKÖNIG. Every participant is self responsible for proper parking of his car in a public parking lot. Please inform yourself BEFORE the event about parking lots in Gstaad. There are enough payable parking lots. Closest to event village at Rütti Schoolhouse are «Eggli» and «Wispile».

Signage of parcours

On every street junction long the parcours there will be signs where to go to (signs are 20x20cm – left – right – straight).

ATTENTION: Signage is clear … but not intended for racing speeds. You will have to watch, we are not the Tour de France. Signals show an arrow and the Road Bike Summit Logo.

No danger warnings

On the various parcours you will find dangerous situations all over, like gravel sections, potholes, dirt, roadworks and so on. Some of these are even unexpectedly behind corners, in dark wood sections, fast descends or similar. NONE OF THESE DANGERS WILL BE MARKED!!! It is in the responsibility of every single participant to adapt speed and preview and master dangerous situations.

Catering areas

Access to catering areas long the circuits and in the event village is only possible with your wristband AND your starting number.

Passage controls / Memorial present

Long the big BERGKÖNIG circuit there are 6 passage controls, on the Pedaleur de Charme circuit 1 per loop. The passage stamps are self service, they are signed by flags and are marked in your roadbook. Stamps need to be placed in the appropriate block fields of your roadbook.

To get your memorial present you will need at least one stamp.

Traffic law / decency and respect

Please remember during the complete event that roads are NOT closed and that you need to respect traffic law at all times. Please treat other road users always with decency and respect. Some of the paths we are using are official hiking trails or are otherwise frequently used by pedestrians; please allow priority to pedestrians if needed.

ATTENTION: Rude behaviour is not in the spirit of BERGKÖNIG.

Clothing

Appropriate clothing that fits the style of your bicycle is an integral part of the event regulations. If you are unsure what to wear, please check our website: https://www.bergkoenig.cc/dress-code.html