

BERGKÖNIG

SWISS VINTAGE CYCLING FESTIVAL
GSTAAD 6–8 SEPTEMBER 2019

Final instructions for participants

Event village / Start/Finish

The event village is the heart of the event with start-/finish-line, catering area, vintage bike market and price giving. It is located in the middle of the pedestrian zone of Gstaad in front of the chapel.

Kapälliplatz, Promenade, Gstaad

Distribution of start numbers

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

Friday, 6 September 2019, 09:00 h to 13:00 h (participants of Time Trial only)

Saturday, 7 September 2019, 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 marshalls 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 14:20 Uhr

Only participants can attend the time trial who:

- are on the relevant start list for friday
- wear the participation wrist band
- have fitted starting numbers correctly on bike and jersey

The full reglementations and the start list including start times are online here:

<https://www.bergkoenig-gstaad.com/mountain-tt--fri.html>

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Price giving ceremony for time trial, event tent on Sanonaplatz in centre of Saanen (attached to Hotel Landhaus), Friday from 19:00 Uhr. Later Vintage Disco Dance Party

The price giving ceremony will be presented by multiple World Champion Franco Marvulli. Attendance is a question of honour for all participants of the time trial.

The ceremony AND the following party are open to all BERGKÖNIG participants and companions (also if not participated to time trial, so even if you arrive on Friday evening). Every registered BERGKÖNIG participant will receive a voucher for a welcome bowl (please ask the BERGKÖNIG representatives on place if you have not attended distribution of start numbers on Friday).

There is no dress code for the Vintage Disco Dance Party ... but also no limits for creativity. There will be a cool DJ playing the good stuff from the 60ies to 80ies. There are several catering possibilities (at own individual cost).

Park Gstaad Sprint, Saturday at 16:45 h

The sprint to Grand Hotel Park Gstaad will take place on Saturday at 16:45. There will be a group start EXACTLY at 16:45. Please make sure you will be lined up in time!

The route of the sprint measures only about 700 metres. It leads through the complete pedestrian area and ends in a short steep ramp. The road will be closed to traffic during the sprint. BUT STILL THIS IS NOT A RACE! There will be no winner nor loser, participating is everything. Please remember this! We don't want stupid accidents due to exaggerated ambitions!

Welcome Cocktail at Grand Hotel Park Gstaad, Saturday 17:00 h to 18:00 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-gstaad.com/store/p12/Tickets_Begleitpersonen_Begr%C3%BCssungs-Aperitif_im_Park_Gstaad.html?lang=en

Dinner saturday: Big Buffet at Grand Hotel Park Gstaad

Following the welcome cocktail there is the possibility to have dinner at Grand Hotel Park Gstaad at own individual cost. Park Gstaad makes a very special offer to all BERGKÖNIG participants and their companions: a big buffet at 79 CHF / person.

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Starting times on Sunday

Start for the big BERGKÖNIG Round is by group start exactly at 08:00 h. If you arrive on Sunday make sure to collect your start numbers in time!

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.

The Legend-Tour with our starts Urs Freuler, Albert Zweifel and others will start at 10:00 for their own special short tour. All participants of «Pedaleur the Charme» are warmly invited to accompany them.

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.

Bicycle Trophies

If you like to participate for one of the bicycle trophies described on our website you will have to have your bicycle judged by the jury in the event village. The jury will be operative only on

Saturday 10:00 h to 15:00 h

Bikes can only be judged AFTER the reception of start numbers, the relevant number has to be attached properly on the frame.

If you think your bike might be a potential class winner please make sure you present it properly and as original as possible. Please give special attention to bottles, wheels etc. It is legal to modify the bike after having been judged to participate in the tours (wheels, tires, seat and stem height etc.).

Trophies will be given to category winners only. There will be no public classification. Decision of jury is final.

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Parking, cabins and showers

Rüttischulhaus, Gsteigstrasse 11, Gstaad

At Rütli Schoolhouse in Gstaad we have free parking for about 40 cars only on Sunday. When this parking lot is full, it will be closed and every participant will be 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 parkings in Gstaad. Closest parkings to cabins/showers at Rütli Schoolhouse are «Eggl» and «Wispile», closest to the event village are in the center of Gstaad.

There are free cabins and showers in Rütli Schoolhouse on Sunday.

Signage of parcours

On every street junction along the parcours there will be signs where to go to (signs are 20x20cm – left / right – straight). For better visibility, signs will be decorated by flags.

ATTENTION: Signage is clear ... but not intended for racing speeds. You will have to watch, we are not the Tour de France. Signals (20cm by 20cm) show an arrow and the BERGKÖNIG-Logo. The signals are accompanied by small blue flags (Saanen Bank).

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 along the circuits and in the event village is only possible with your wristband AND your starting number.

Passage controls / Memorial medal

Along 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 medal you will need at least one stamp of the Pedaleur the Charme round or all stamps of the BERGKÖNIG round.

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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:

<http://bergkoenigd.weebly.com/bekleidung.html>

Pricegiving and distribution of medals

Pricegiving and distribution of medals take place on the stage in the event village on Sunday from ca. 16:00 h.

Medals will be distributed only if appropriate stamped roadbook is shown

Toilets in the event village

In the event village (on the parking behind Berner Kantonalbank) are 2 mobile toilets. Please use these ... the toilets of the restaurants in the center of Gstaad are reserved for their clients only.