

ATHLETES LETTER

TORTOUR Ultracycling 17. – 19. August 2023

14.08.2023

We are already looking forward to celebrating the 15th anniversary of TORTOUR Ultracycling with you. We are glad to have you with us!

Enclosed you will find important information in connection with your participation and we ask you to study the contents carefully. In certain formats we have made some time adjustments.

We wish you a smooth preparation.

1. TORTOUR Regulations, Manual and Roadbook

The TORTOUR regulations, the manual and the roadbook contain all important information, which support the planning and preparation for the event. They are mandatory reading in connection with the participation in the TORTOUR Ultracycling.

You can find them in the respective TORTOUR format at: <https://www.tortour.com/rennformate/ultracycling/>

2. Accommodation

Roll to the start of the TORTOUR in Küsnacht rested and stress-free? Guaranteed the best preparation for long hours on your bike. Our hotel partner Zürich City Hotels offers special rates on accommodation.

<https://www.tortour.com/en/services/accommodation/>

3. Arrival

Available parking spaces in Küsnacht have been reserved for the benefit of our event. However, the number is limited - first come first served. If possible, travel to the event should be organized without a private car, in carpools, by public transport or by your own "cab service". The instructions of the staff are to be followed.

4. Rest rooms/Shower/Lockers

Rest rooms are available in the dressing rooms of KEK, where you can retire and rest if necessary. You must bring your own sleeping mats and sleeping bags.

Showers are available in sufficient numbers. Lockers for valuables are also available.

5. Check-in

The check-in times can be found in the manual or on the website under schedule. The signed athlete declaration (see handbook) must be brought to the check-in.

Athletes who have additionally registered for the participation in the Ultracycling Swiss Championships are obliged to show a valid license at the check-in.

6. Inspection of racing bikes

The inspection of the racing bikes of all athletes starting from Küsnacht will be carried out at the entrance to the starting grid. Racing bikes of team members who will be in action later can be inspected by officials at any time during the race.

7. Briefing

The briefing times can be found in the manual or on the website under schedule.

For the starters of the **TORTOUR 250** the briefing times have been adjusted and harmonized with the start times.

8. Routes

The latest course plans or stages and their gpx files can be found at www.tortour.com in the respective race formats under "Route". Please note that route adjustments are possible until shortly before the event due to the approval process.

Tip: Download the gpx files to your navigation device the day before the race starts. This ensures that the latest versions are used.

9. Start times

The start times can be seen in the manual, on the website and via:

<https://www.datasport.com/live/startlist/?racenr=25542>

ATTENTION TORTOUR 500 Teams of 6: The start time for the Teams of 6 accompanied is set to 01:00 on Saturday, 19.08.2023.

10. Start procedure

- Admission of the athletes to the start area: **Race start time minus 20 min.**
- Wearing of the official TORTOUR jersey (at least for pre-start photo)
- Technical inspection/handing in of the tracker
- Pre-start photo

The starts of all formats and categories will be completed in a neutralized mass start. The starting riders will be guided by motommarshalls towards Küsnacht village. The race will be released by them at the first ascent. As soon as the race is released, slipstreaming of other teams is not allowed.

11. Timestations

Timestation Hemberg: The timestation Hemberg is only supervised to a limited extent.

Opening time: Fri. 08:00 - Sat. 01:00. If the timestation is not attended, the athletes will continue without stopping.

Timestation KEK, Küsnacht: The event location in the KEK is also a timestation. Also in the KEK there is a time table ready for signature, which has to be signed at each passage.

Catering: Various timestations including the timestation in the KEK provide race catering. This catering is reserved for the unaccompanied participants of the TORTOUR 500, TORTOUR 250 and TORTOUR Myself. We kindly ask you to respect this.

Behavior at timestations: Some timestations are located in the middle of inhabited neighborhoods. The night's rest is to be respected accordingly.

12. Route signposting

The laps for the TORTOUR 250 (loops of 200 km & 50 km) and therefore the route for the TORTOUR Myself (50 km) and the last lap for all teams are signposted with bright yellow arrows.

Attention: At Uetzikon the routes of the 200 km and 50 km route separate.

13. Finisher catering

At the finish line, cool drinks and delicious curry rice with plant-based Planted Chicken will be waiting for the athletes and their supporters. Only the athlete or crew wristband entitles to free finisher catering. Additional menus and an extended catering offer can also be purchased by guests.

14. Finisher Party

On Saturday from 16:00 onwards, the Zurich DJ Urs Diethelm and his crew will provide a cool sound for an exuberant atmosphere in the hall. **Motivate your families and friends to celebrate your achievement with you in the KEK.**

15. Award ceremony

The award ceremony will take place on Saturday at 17:00h. It would be nice if we can rely on your numerous appearance on site.

16. P.S.

In the summarized and variously communicated news about the TORTOUR Ultracycling 2023 we list under the title "Teams: New Team Spirit" the following point: Only one support vehicle per team. This is valid for the formats TORTOUR 1000 and 500. The shorter formats are as before without any escort or help from outside.