

# BERGKÖNIG

SWISS VINTAGE CYCLING FESTIVAL  
GSTAAD 28–30 AUGUST 2020

## Final instructions for participants

### Event village / Start/Finish

The event village is the heart of the event with start-/finish-line, catering area and prize giving. It is located at:

Schulhaus Rütli, Gsteigstrasse 11, 3780 Gstaad

### Distribution of start numbers

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

**Friday, August 28, 09:00 h to 13:00 h (participants of Time Trial only)**

**Saturday, August 29, 09:00 h to 15:00 h (participants “weekend”)**

**Sunday, August 30, 05:30 to 08:30 (participants “Sunday only”)**

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 (not on Sunday)
- Wristband for catering areas along the circuits and in the event village
- Small presents of event partners (not on Sunday)

**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 regulations 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, directly on site of arrival at Alp Gumm**

Price giving directed by Superstar Franco Marvulli. There will be local Saanegutsch beer and the local speciality “shaved aged cheese” (from the very alp). A great watch by Swiss Manufacturer Oris will be raffled amongst all finishers (need to be on spot during raffle).

## **Park Gstaad Sprint, Saturday at 16:30 h**

The sprint to Grand Hotel Park Gstaad will take place on Saturday at 16:30 from the pedestrian area of Gstaad (Promenade 54, 3780 Gstaad).

There will be a group start EXACTLY at 16:30. Please make sure you will be lined up in time behind the lead-car!

The route of the sprint measures only about 2000 meters. 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 due to exaggerated ambitions!

## **Welcome Cocktail at Grand Hotel Park Gstaad, Saturday 16:45 h to 17:45 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/p27/Tickets\\_Companions\\_Welcome\\_Cocktail.html](https://www.bergkoenig-gstaad.com/store/p27/Tickets_Companions_Welcome_Cocktail.html)

## **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.

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## 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 Rütli Schoolhouse are «Eggli» and «Wispile».

## Toilets, cabins and showers

There are free toilets, cabins and showers in Rütli School 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.

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## **Passage controls / Memorial medal**

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

## **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**

Distribution of medals takes place in the event village on Sunday from ca. 13:00 h, prize giving of Special Style Trophies from 16:00h.

Medals will be distributed only if appropriate stamped roadbook is shown