

Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike

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Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike on 08 July 2017: 4,500 registered participants from 32 nations

Villabassa/Niederdorf (South Tyrol / Italy), 22 June 2017 – The legend lives on! The Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike is sold out again with 4,500 athletes from 32 nations registered in this year's 23rd edition. South Tyrol's oldest mountain bike marathon, that gathers more participants than any other mountain bike marathon in Italy, is going to take place on Saturday, 08 July 2017 at 7.30 a.m. with start and finish in Villabassa.

Participants have the possibility to choose between two tracks: the long classic distance of 133 km/ 3,357 m of difference in altitude or the shorter one of 60 km/ 1,785 m of difference in altitude. Athletes will cycle through the five municipalities of Alta Pusteria/ Pustertal: Villabassa/Niederdorf, Dobbiaco/Toblach, Sesten/Sesto, San Candido/Innichen and Prags/Braies, all part of the Dolomites UNESCO World Heritage.

Several top athletes will compete for the Dolomiti Superbike trophy! Among which also Alban Lakata (AUT), Kristian Hynek (CZE), Thiago Ferreira (POR), Hector Leonardo Páez León (COL), Periklis Ilias (GRE), Roel Paulissen (BEL) and Massimo Debortolis (ITA), as well as Katrin Schwing (GER) and Sosna Katazina (LTU) in the female category..

The long distance is characterised by two mountain classifications: the Sextner Dolomiten mountain trophy for the winner of the mountain classification on Monte Elmo/ Helm and the Apparthotel Germania mountain trophy for the winner of the mountain classification on the ascent to Prato Piazza/ Plätzwiese. Moreover, there is a sprint classification for the short distance, which is taken at the Nordic Arena in Toblach/Dobbiaco.

The overall prize money pool equals 25,000 Euro. The winners receive 2,500 Euro each, whereas the rest is distributed among the top 15 finishers in the male and top 10 finishers in the female category on the long distance, as well as the top five male and female finishers on the short distance. The top three of all the other categories will be rewarded with gifts.

The major sports event in Villabassa starts already on the Thursday before race day. The mountain bike scene gets together on the historic town square in occasion of the Bike-Expo that offers everything mountain bike lovers could wish for. On Friday 6.30 p.m. the public press conference with all the top athletes is going to take place on the main stage, the same place where on Saturday at approx. 4 p.m. winners will be awarded in the victory ceremony.

On race day, the top athletes' performance can be followed on two major screens installed in the start/finish area or via a GPS system. On Sunday, the focus is set on the youngest among all the athletes with the Junior Trophy taking place at 10 a.m. During the entire weekend various music performances will ensure a good atmosphere.

For further information and pictures please see www.dolomitisuperbike.com

