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### **30.12.2006 - 13<sup>th</sup> Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike on July 8, 2007 – One more MTB Marathon World Cup in Alta Pusteria - This year course in clockwise direction – Registrations online – Already 300 entries**

Recently the international cycling union UCI has published the Mountain Bike Marathon World Cup calendar 2007. Almost exclusively established classics were considered. South Tyrol is proud that the traditional race Dolomiti Superbike was taken up in the World Cup schedule due to the exemplary organisation 2006, just like the Birkebeiner in Norway and the Roc d'Azur in France.

The start of the World Cup season will be on Gran Canaria (Spain) on March 18. Villabassa/Niederdorf and Alta Pusteria see their top-class international event on July 7 and 8, 2007. On August 25 the third marathon race takes place in Lillehammer, Norway. The final World Cup is scheduled on October 12 in Roc d'Azur, France.

As in 2008 the Olympic Summer Games take place in Beijing, the traditional Alta Pusteria race, where in 2008 the UCI Marathon World Championships are scheduled, gains a particular importance as Olympic qualification race.

#### **The established World Cup course again clockwise – 119,8 km/3.853 m of difference in height**

After running the course counter-clockwise at the first World Cup last year, the organisers have gone back to the original course out of organisational reasons.

This year the World Cup course was measured anew. Both the length and the altitude profile were scanned with state-of-the-art GPS appliances, so that even the smallest details that influence profiles and length were collected by an absolute expert, the German bike pioneer and book author Uli Stanciu.

So the World Cup course has a length of exactly 119.8 kilometres. The difference in height is of 3,853 metres in climbing. The short course runs over 60.5 kilometres and climbs for 1,785 metres. The organisers have applied again two interesting intermediate rankings, the GPM Haunold and the Sprint Mila in San Candido/Innichen.

The about 3,000 participants start from the main square at Villabassa, first westbound. On an asphalt road they climb to the Monte Costa and a viewpoint. The following forest road takes them towards the Silvester valley. After a short technical downhill and the following constant climb the athletes reach the Silvesteralm. On a partly gravel, partly asphalt road they get to Versciaco/Vierschach, and from there on the cycleway to San Candido. The long climb of the Burg follows.





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After about 5 km the bikers reach the inn Waldruhe. They continue on the Sesto/Sexten sunny slope of the home mountain, cross the Alpe di Nemes and reach the Passo Monte Croce and then the top station of the Prati Croda Rossa. There the adventurous descent over the tobogganing run to Sesto starts. From there the course runs to the skiing area Haunold and again on the tobogganing run down to San Candido. Further to the railway station of Dobbiaco, and towards Cortina through the Val di Landro. The last climb of 7 km to Prato Piazza, which was decisive for the victory several times in the last editions, starts there. The downhill over Ponticello, the Prags/Braies valley and the Lerchenhöfe takes the participants back to the start and finish in Villabassa.

**Middle distance: 60,5 km 1785 m of difference in height**

The start is on the main square at Villabassa. Just as for the long distance the participants head west on the asphalt climb to the Monte Costa. From there they take a forest road to the Silvester valley. After a short, very technical climb, they reach Silvesterplatz and turn to Dobbiaco railway station. From there they pass the lakes of Dobbiaco and Landro, and take the cycleway of the old railway to Cortina. After a couple of kilometres they turn right to climb to Prato Piazza. After 7 km on an old military road they reach the highest point of the race, at 2025 m. The descent takes them first to Braies and after a few kilometres on asphalt to the finish in Villabassa

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