



17th Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike on 9 July 2011

Mountain bike classic "Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike" this year on a Saturday

"Holding of two marathons on the same day not appropriate" – Junior Race postponed to Sunday

Niederdorf/Villabassa, 11 April 2011 - Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike celebrates its 17th meet this year. The mountain bike cycling classic in the Alta Pusteria Dolomites will be staged on a Saturday. Deadline is 9 July 2011. It is necessary to move the event a day earlier from the Sunday to Saturday as on the Sunday a second major sporting event will be held in South Tyrol: the "Maratona dles Dolomites" utilising racing bikes.

The organizers in Villabassa/Niederdorf were not able to move the traditional mountain bike race in the Dolomites or advance it in any way. It would clash with other important mountain bike races on the racing calendar and partly because many of the volunteers are involved in celebrating the Sacred Heart Festival at the beginning of July.

"To hold two strong participatory competitions on the same day would be foolhardy," said the OC President Kurt Ploner. Past experience has shown that the hosting of two non-cycling classics on the same day is not appropriate. "Many cyclists, government officials, media representatives and VIP's would want or need to attend both events," declared Ploner.

The organizers are expecting about 3,600 participants. Last year 3648 cyclists from 33 nations contested the traditional Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike. At this point in time 2500 registration have been received: To date 2380 men and 120 women have registered. The participants will be divided into 23 categories.

Registration is still possible until 7 July. The price includes the deposit of 10 € for the transponder. A discount of €5 is endorsed for online registrations.

The children's race "Dolomiti Super Bike Junior Race" has been moved to Sunday due to the new date of the feature race which is to be held on Saturday.

Only once in 16 years has the race been stopped. In 2004, the event was a victim to bad weather. Further information is available on www.dolomitisuperbike.com.

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