



REGULATIONS

These Terms and Conditions were drawn up in German language. Also translations in other languages may be available. However, the German version shall be decisive in any case.

The following rules apply to the Zillertal Bike Challenge, hereafter referred to as the ZBC. By registering for ZBC every participant acknowledges recognition of the rules and attests that s/he has read, understood and accepted them. In addition, the regulations of the Österreichischen Radsportverbandes (ÖRV), the Austrian Cycling Federation, apply and can be read at <http://radsportverband.at/index.php/radsportverband/oerv-reglement>.

1. ZILLERTAL BIKE CHALLENGE

The ZBC is a mountain bike race for both professionals and hobby cyclists. The ZBC takes place on public roads which will not have been closed off and participants must, therefore, take account of traffic and oncoming vehicles at all times. Participants are fully aware of the dangers associated with mountain bike races of this type and do so at their own risk. The ZBC event organiser is Zillertal Tourismus GmbH, the official Zillertal Tourism Office.

1.1. Conditions for participants

Timely registration and race fee payment are preconditions for participation. Furthermore, participants must be at least 19 years old on the day of the start. Strictly only participants with a mountain bike are permitted to ride. Membership of an association is not a requirement. Participants are required to make their own arrangements for a health check and assessment in order to meet the conditions of the ZBC, where necessary by consultation with a doctor. The event organiser will not verify that this has been done. However, the organiser is authorised to ask for evidence of no objection to participation. The event organiser reserves the right to revoke any participant's registration.

2. REGISTRATION, CONTRACT CLOSURE AND CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

Registration takes place exclusively online at <http://www.zillertal-bikechallenge.com> and must be carried out by the participant him/herself. Registration deadlines and race fees are also available through this link. After registration a confirmation is sent to the participant. By registering for the ZBC the participant enters into a binding contract with Zillertal Tourismus GmbH. Registration can only be fully carried out with a valid email address. The email address must be supplied at the time of registration as this is where the confirmation will be sent. The contract with the ZBC comes into play as soon as this confirmation arrives. The event organiser reserves the right to refuse registrations once the maximum number of participants is reached.

By selecting the relevant button online, the participant accepts the validity of these conditions for participation. In doing this, s/he also confirms that s/he has read, understood and accepted the regulations.

2.1. Payment

The race fee is payable by bank transfer, and, for participants outside Austria, by bank transfer with IBAN and BIC.

2.2. Scope of services

On confirmation of participation and the associated service description, there follows the scale and scope of service offered by the event organiser. Any further services, in particular with regard to personal or technical support, can only be entered into by an appropriate written agreement.



2.3. Cancellation conditions, stoppage

2.3.1 The following cancellation conditions apply:

- In cases of cancellation up to and including 31 March 2018, 90% of the race fee is refundable.
- In cases of cancellation by 18 May 2018, 50% of the race fee is refundable.
- After 19 May 2018, 10% of the race fee is refundable on presentation of a medical certificate by the participant.

The participant may propose a suitable substitute rider up to the race start. Provided participation conditions are met, a processing fee of 10 euro will be levied for the change in participant.

2.3.2 Event stoppage/no show

Should the event be prevented from taking place by an act of nature beyond the event organiser's control, or the race not starting or being interrupted for reasons unrelated to the organiser, then the participant may not claim a refund of the race fee, nor any costs or damages arising, such as travel or accommodation.

3. ACCREDITATION

Accreditation takes place on the day before the race starts. Participants will only receive their starting papers on accreditation and only by presentation of the confirmation of registration and identity card/passport. Receipt of starting papers must be acknowledged. Starting papers are not sent by post. Should the participant be prevented from his/her collecting accreditation, then the starting papers can be collected by another person with written authority to do so. Before starting papers can be issued, every participant is obliged to supply a signed document with additional information to the organiser, including, in particular, details of who is to be contacted in case of emergency and any information which would be needed in the case of medical intervention (Appendix 1) This information is required for the safety of participants and must also be displayed clearly and accurately on the start number affixed to the mountain bike to be used in the race.

4. DATA

All participants are to declare themselves in agreement with publication of his/her name if winner of a stage or overall winner. All participants are also to declare agreement that they will have no further entitlement in relation to photos, films or interviews made, or conducted, in the context of the event, and which will be used to report on the event or publicise the event by means of any media, including online.

5. PARTICIPANT CATEGORIES

5.1 General

Every participant rides as an individual starter unless s/he has formed a team with at least four others. Teams must be declared at the time of registration.

5.2 Categories

The following classifications apply to overall categorisation of the ZBC:

- King of the Mountain (long distance, licensed* and hobby riders)
- Queen of the Mountain (long distance, licensed* and hobby riders)
- Prince of the Mountain (support of cable car, hobby riders)
- Princess of the Mountain (support of cable car, hobby riders)
- Lord of the Mountain (all comers' distance, hobby riders)
- Lady of the Mountain (all comers' distance, hobby riders)



Age groups:

The following age groups are applicable to both men and women:

Cohorts by year of birth	King/Queen (Licensed* and hobby riders)	Prince/Princess (hobby riders)	Lord/Lady (hobby riders)
All age groups	Elite Class (riders with Elite Licence)*	–	–
1999-1989	Age group 1	Age group 1	Age group 1
1988-1979	Age group 2	Age group 2	Age group 2
1978-1969	Age group 3	Age group 3	Age group 3
1968 and before	Age group 4	Age group 4	Age group 4

*Riders with a Master Licence start in the category appropriate to their age group (only King/Queen categories). Licensed riders (Elite and Master) are authorised to start in the King/Queen category only.

Should there be any age group with fewer than five participants at the start, then they will all start in the next age group. The decision is subject to the race director in attendance at the time.

Team categorisation:

It is possible to enter a team in the King/Queen categories (except Elite), Prince/Princess and Lord/Lady. Each team is made up of at least five cyclists, who must all compete in the 1st stage. The team categorisation will only be established after the 3rd and final stage, and will be done so on the basis of the total times of the three fastest participants.

Should six or more team riders in the same category finish, then the time measurement system will automatically create a second group. A precondition for this is that the team must have been named during the online registration process (be sure to have a uniform spelling!).

Biggest team:

Special award for the team with the most registrations – in any race category, including cross-category

6. ORDER OF EVENTS FOR THE RACE

6.1 General

The ZBC is a race of fixed duration and planned course of events.

6.2 Riders' meeting

There is a meeting for all participants on the day before each stage. The meeting aims to make riders aware of the features of the forthcoming stage. The meeting will be supervised by the race director. Attendance is compulsory.

6.3 Time measurement

Individual timing is measured by a transponder. A transponder consists of a chip which measures each participant's time individually during every stage and then displays each completed section of the course including the time taken for each one. If necessary, this can be checked or analysed by the judges. In accordance with the organiser's regulations, the transponder must be attached to the rider's wheel, be in place during every stage and be returned to one of the official hand-in points immediately at the end of the race. Should the transponder go missing or become unusable, for whatever reason, the participant will be given a substitute transponder and must reimburse the event organiser for the lost or unusable one. Should the transponder not be returned immediately after the event but with good reason, then it must be returned by post to Zillertal Tourismus GmbH by 13 July 2018. Should the transponder be lost or not handed in by the deadline specified, then a charge of 75 euro will be levied. This charge will, where necessary, be levied after the event by direct debit or by invoice.



6.4 Start

The start line-up takes place 30 minutes before the official starting time. With effect from the second stage, every participant must be ready in the start area 15 minutes before the starting time. On the first day, Elite riders, and any others as designated by the organiser, will be given a starting block ahead of all other starters. The line-up will otherwise follow the 'first come, first-served' principle.

6.5 Transponder checks during the race

At every stage there are at least three check points. Participants will not know in advance the locations of these check points and must pass through all of them. All transponders will be scanned here with a reader. Any participant not passing through a check point will receive a penalty of 180 minutes. In particularly grave cases the race management and the jury reserve the right to consider penalties as high as disqualification. Should disqualification not be pronounced, the participant can, at the next stage, return to the start and stay in the category.

6.6 Finish

At the finish the transponder will be read as it was at the check points and will be used for the determination of day and overall rankings.

7. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RACE

Participants who do not reach the finish in a stage withdraw from ZBC rankings and will no longer be eligible to be finishers. However they are permitted to re-start at the next stage and will from then on be placed in a separate grouping for their ranking.

7.1 Dropping out of the race

Any participants who, at any time, and for any reason, do not want to continue the race are required to report to the race director, the race office, or to use the published emergency telephone number immediately, or in any case by 5pm latest of the day in question. The transponder and start number must be handed in to the race director or the race office in return for a receipt. Deregistration and hand-in are only deemed to have taken place when the race director or the race office manager have been informed in person. Should this not happen, the event organiser reserves the right, with well-founded suspicions, and at the participant's cost, to put into action a search operation using the appropriate emergency services.

7.2 Dropping out of a stage

There are a number of reasons why a participant may not be able to complete a stage within the official time, and these may include injury, technical problems, losing the way, exhaustion etc. Participants who, for reasons of this type, complete a stage only after the official finishing time, receive a race time from start to finish with an added penalty of 120 minutes if they have managed the stage on their mountain bike. Participants who have used something other than their mountain bike (e.g. a bus) will receive a minimum penalty of 180 minutes. In particularly grave cases of violation, the race management reserves the right to disqualify the participant. Should disqualification not be pronounced, the participant can, at the next stage, return to the start and stay in the ranking.

7.3 Failure to report for a stage

Should a participant not report for a stage at all, then exclusion from the official ZBC rankings will result. In cases of hardship it remains at the discretion of the race management whether participants who want to go to the start more than 10 minutes after the official start time will be permitted to remain in official ranking.

7.4 Finishers

Only those who complete every stage in accordance with regulations will be ranked as ZBC Finishers. Those who cannot complete a stage, regardless of the reason, remain in official rankings but will not be deemed as Finishers.



8. RACE RULES

8.1 Routeing

The ZBC takes place on public roads and NOT on roads which have been closed off. For this reason all participants must strictly observe all rules of the road in force at the time and all Austrian national traffic regulations even in race scenarios, and during the course of the race take account of traffic and oncoming vehicles. Driving on the right applies at all times. On no account may corners be cut.

The daily route is marked by arrows and colour-coded signs. The responsibility for completing the route correctly and in full lies exclusively with the participants themselves. Should changes to the route be required due to the weather, some sections of the route may have to be repeated (2 or more laps).

8.2 Sportsmanship and fairness

At all times all participants must be careful, sporting and fair. Slow participants must make space for faster ones who want to overtake, especially on sections where, for example, there is room for movement.

8.3 Riding to one's capability

Participants must ride according their own capabilities at all times and proceed with the greatest possible care, and always be in a state of readiness to brake, especially on downhill stretches.

8.4 Safety on the course

In case of technical problems, unplanned stops or injury, the course must, as far as possible, immediately be cleared and any first aid or repairs carried out at the side of the road.

8.5 Instructions and orders given by the event organiser

All instructions, orders and briefings given by the event organiser, members of the jury, as well as by staff and volunteers, must be followed at all times.

8.6 Sprint finish

Where there is a sprint finish, changing lanes is not permitted.

8.7 Level crossings

Closed level crossings are on no account whatsoever to be traversed.

9. RACE MANAGEMENT, JURY, PROTEST, PENALTIES AND OTHER SANCTIONS

9.1 Race management and the jury

In principle the race management and jury are put in place by the event organiser to take decisions regarding the sporting course of the race, and this may include penalties. Appeals against these decisions may not be made, nor claims for reimbursement of costs.

9.2 Protest

In the context of the ZBC, and in spite of supervision by the race management, the organiser or jury, violations by participants may occur. Should the race management not make a decision in such cases, every participant is free to file a protest – only on the day of the violation – against alleged violations of the rules.

9.3 Deadlines for submission of a protest

Should a participant wish to submit a protest about rule violations, classifications etc., s/he can do this exclusively to the race management up to a maximum of 30 minutes after the daily or final results are confirmed. These can be discussed with the jury.



9.4 Jury

The jury's decision about the protest is final. In the context of the ZBC every participant is expressly subject to the binding decisions made by the jury and relinquishes all ongoing claims of any breach of regulations.

9.5 Penalties and other sanctions

It is neither practical nor desirable for all possible violations to be listed. For this reason only some will be referred to here, with the express statement that the race management can, in discussion with the event organiser, inflict penalties for actions not referred to here. In the first instance a penalty is always one of time, if the particular gravity of the violation does not demand a disqualification/exclusion instead. Penalties are determined by the jury according to its own judgement, and in any case taking account of the minimum penalties set out in this document. Neither appeals nor protests can be made against the jury's decisions.

The following circumstances will in any case attract time penalties:

- Unsporting riding/unsporting behaviour
- Dropping of litter or other items
- Removal of crash-helmet during the race
- Affixing start numbers in a way that is irregular or contrary to the rules
- Pushing or pulling by a third party
- Taking shortcuts

The following circumstances can be punished with disqualification:

- violation of these regulations, and/or of rules and instructions given to participants before or during the event;
- contravention of instructions issued by the event leader, the jury or the race management, or by staff during or after the race;
- sustained interruption to the course of the event by a participant or by a participant putting him/herself or others at risk;
- Medical staff assigned by the event organiser are authorised and indeed required to exclude from the race any participants with evidence of injuries or over-exertion.

In the case of authorised disqualification, the excluded participant's race fee remains with the organiser.

The following circumstance is to be punished by immediate disqualification:

- Wilfully dangerous riding, riding to put others at risk

Race office decision:

Participants who are downgraded into a lower category by one of the authorised marshals due to exceeding the official time limit at one of the pre-defined points must have their start number altered by the organising committee by 5 pm at the latest of the same race day. A participant who nevertheless continues in the original category on the next day of the race will be penalised at the finish of this stage and be credited with the worst time in the downgraded category. The participant must then continue the race in this category on the following day.



10. OBLIGATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

10.1. Responsibility

Every participant is to take responsibility for him/herself during the race and must assess the suitability of his/her own health. This will not be verified by the organiser.

10.2. Crash-helmets obligatory

Without exception the wearing of a crash-helmet is obligatory at all times during the race! The helmet must conform to the relevant and current Ansi/Snell Standards, or the new Tested Safety Certificate (TÜV/GS) or the UCI specifications, the Union Cycliste Internationale specifications, and must be the correct size for the rider's head.

10.3. Clothing and equipment

It is compulsory for every participant to equip him/herself as for an alpine traverse in the context of a mountain bike race. This includes at the minimum clothing for any weather, a first aid kit, a mobile phone and a bike computer. It is recommended that a suitable tool-kit and other appropriate equipment be carried.

10.4. Start number

Every participant is given a start number to attach to the handlebars and to the back of his/her jersey. The handlebar number is to be attached to the front of the mountain bike. The other number is to be attached to the lower back of the rider's jersey and centrally placed. These numbers must be securely attached to the bike handlebars and to the jersey and be clearly visible at all times during the race. They are not to be cut, folded or altered by the participant in any way.

10.5. Participant pass

Every participant receives a ZBC pass. This must be carried at all times and gives access to, for example, travel by Zillertalbahn railway to and from the start and finish of the stages, to catering (in combination with the F&B voucher), to technical support, as well as being a means of identification. Misuse of the pass (e.g. giving it to a third party to access these services) will be punishable by instant disqualification of the participant.

10.6. Mobile telephones

It is compulsory for every participant to carry a functioning mobile phone every day from the start of a stage to the finish gate.

11. LIABILITY

Participation is entirely at the risk of the rider. The event organiser's liability is – as well as with regard to third parties – limited to gross negligence or negligence with wilful intent on its part for the damages caused. This applies equally to auxiliary staff assigned by the event organiser.

12. GENERAL

12.1. Environmental protection/rubbish disposal

The ZBC takes place in one of the world's most beautiful places. So the rules are straightforward – anyone disposing of rubbish or any other objects (including drinking bottles) anywhere other than at the check points or provisions stations will receive a time penalty of 60 minutes. The third offence of this nature will result in disqualification.

12.2. Support from a third party

The ZBC is an individual race. For this reason the help of third parties is forbidden unless there are injuries, falls and other emergencies. Catering, drinks, clothing and spare parts can be taken on during



a stage. It is completely forbidden to be pushed or pulled by a third party. Support from any accompanying unofficial vehicles (e.g. team vehicle) is not permitted at any time during the stages.

12.3. Doping

The ZBC organisers distance themselves from anyone who takes banned stimulants with the intention of gaining an advantage. A strong suspicion alone is sufficient for instant disqualification to take place. The event organiser reserves the right to do spot doping checks without warning.

12.4. Technical services

The ZBC technical support partners will be offering their services at the start and finish. Setting up and maintenance work is free of charge, while servicing will not be taken on. Spare parts will be available at normal market rates.

12.5. Equipment

- All bikes, regardless of which mountain bike discipline, must be exclusively muscle-powered.
- Tyres with metal screws inserted or with spikes are forbidden. Racing handlebars and timetrial bars are forbidden. Conventional bar ends are permitted. For Downhill and Enduro bar ends are forbidden.
- Handlebar ends must be closed.
- The diameter of the back and the front wheel must, in both cases, not exceed 29 inches.
- The use of cameras/videos, headphones or similar during the ZBC is only permitted with the agreement of the race director.

12.6. Law and place of jurisdiction

Austrian national law is exclusively applicable. Innsbruck is the place of jurisdiction. For those resident in Austria, or whose usual residence or place of employment is Austria, the place of jurisdiction will be that applicable to the here in which the person concerned is resident, has their usual residence or place of work.

Version: October 2017. By agreement with ÖRV.