

FAQ Bern–Zermatt

Is there a minimum speed to participate?

No, everyone is welcome. We do publish ranking lists, but the focus at Bern-Zermatt should be on fun and the experience. There will be a checkpoint at some points along the route. These points must be reached within the specified time. Participants who do not meet this deadline will be removed from the race for their own safety. The checkpoints can be found on the march table for the event.

Is the time measured along the entire route?

Yes, the participants who cover the distance from Bern to Zermatt the fastest, will be crowned winners in their category.

Will the route be closed?

No. The Bern-Zermatt route will be open to traffic. Every participant must adhere to the applicable rules of the Swiss Road Traffic Act.

What are the general rules in the four categories?

The singles have to complete the route alone. Participants in the Relay category divide up the route and ride alternately. The number and locations of the changes can be freely determined. Only the last section from Täsch to Zermatt is ridden together.

The pairs also consist of two riders, but they complete the entire route together, as do the teams of three in the “Happy Threesome” category. Only the couples and teams of three are allowed to ride in the slipstream of their team members. They are also allowed to use outside support at the checkpoints in Riffenmatt, Jaun, Col du Pillon and Niedergesteln.

Is slipstreaming allowed?

No. Slipstreaming will be prohibited from KM 35.9 (Restaurant Lamm am Rüscheegg-Graben). This point will be marked with a sign. Only in the Couples and Happy Threesome categories may teams ride in the slipstream.

Is it allowed to have a coach and a support vehicle with me?

Support vehicles are only permitted for participants in the relays and may accompany the riders from the Lamm restaurant at Rüscheegg-Graben (KM 35.9). The singles can place their helpers at aid stations 1, 2, 3 and 5 (Riffenmatt, Jaun, Col du Pillon and Niedergesteln) in order to receive support there (handing out material, handing over clothing/food, technical support, etc.). This support is not permitted at any other locations (route or other checkpoints).

How many accompanying persons are allowed to support a team?

For Bern-Zermatt, a maximum of 2 helpers are permitted. The accompanying persons must wear a fluorescent vest. This is not provided by the organizer.

Do both participants have to be at the start in the Relay category?

No, in the Relay category only one of the two team members has to start in Bern.

Where do I get my fluorescent vest?

The fluorescent vest will be handed out at the start in exchange for the waiver. For relays, please also bring the team member's waiver with you.

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Will the participants be accompanied by motorcyclists?

There will be around 40 motorcyclists on the route. They will help participants to stay on the course, follow the rules and get to Zermatt safely.

Are there refreshment posts on the route?

There will be at least 6 refreshment stations along the route. The exact location of these can be found in the march table.

Are toilets available at the aid stations?

Yes, it is possible to use a mobile toilet facility at the aid station.

What is the start procedure?

The start interval will be between 45 and 60 seconds. The "Single" category will start first, followed by the Happy Threesome, then the participants in the "Couple" category and finally the relays will start their race. The exact start times for each individual participant will be communicated in the week before the event.

When does the start take place?

The Chasing Cancellara Event Bern - Zermatt will be tackled by the first participants at 02:00. The other start times will be according to the start procedure.

Where does the start take place?

The start will take place in the Festsaal (Hall IV) of the Rain elementary school in Ittigen. Address: Rain 9, 3063 Ittigen

Where can I park at the Rain elementary school?

If you arrive by car, we recommend using the parking spaces at the Ittigen municipal administration (Rain 7). You should drive to the parking lot via Grauholzstrasse.

Are there any hotel partnerships in Bern?

No, there are no hotel partnerships for Bern.

Where is the finish area located?

The finish area is located at the tennis court in Zermatt (Obere Matten, 3920 Zermatt).

What can I expect in Zermatt?

The participants are expected in Zermatt. There will be a speaker and music to set the mood in the finish area. Various catering offers and stands from sponsors adorn the course and invite you to linger. There is also the opportunity to shower at the tennis sports facility in the finish area.

How can Zermatt be reached during the event?

For riders from Bern - Zermatt, Zermatt is normally accessible via the specified route. However, this is not the case for accompanying persons. They can park their vehicle in Täsch at Taxi & Parking Christophe (Kantonsstrasse 139, 3929 Täsch) and then take the train to Zermatt. Participants in the Relay category will receive a voucher for free parking in Täsch in their starter package before the event. The accompanying vehicles of riders outside the Relay category may use a parking space at Taxi & Parking Christophe at the given parking prices. Accompanying persons are responsible for their own train tickets.

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Are there hotel partnerships in Zermatt?

Yes, a link to the special offer for accommodation in Zermatt will be sent with the registration confirmation. Participants receive a special discount on various hotels. Bookings must be made via the link in the registration confirmation. The organizer does not guarantee hotel availability.

Is there luggage transportation from Bern to Zermatt?

Yes, luggage can be dropped off at the start in Bern. It will then be brought safely to Zermatt. It is also possible to hand in items of clothing at the start, which will be transported to Checkpoint 3 on the Col du Pillon and from there to the finish.

Where do I get my start number and timing chip?

The start numbers and timing chip will be sent home by post in the week before the event. Participants who do not live in Switzerland or have registered after 20.06.2024 must collect their start numbers at the start number distribution point at the start.

How must the timing chip and race number be fitted?

The timing chip must be attached to the seat post. The start number must be worn on the back and clearly visible on the handlebars.

Where must the helmet sticker be attached?

The helmet sticker is used to identify photos taken by Sportograf. The helmet sticker must be worn on the front of the helmet.

What do I need to know / note about the checkpoints?

The checkpoint is a point installed by the organizer which must be approached. At the checkpoints, the participants' passage times are also recorded and used to compile an intermediate ranking list. The checkpoints do NOT necessarily have to be used for rider changes. The race management recommends using other locations for this purpose. The locations of the checkpoints can be found in the march table.

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