



TORTOUR

ATHLETES LETTER TORTOUR Ultracycling 2025

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We are already looking forward to celebrating the 17th TORTOUR Ultracycling with you. We are glad to have you with us!

Enclosed you will find important information in connection with your participation and we ask you to study the contents carefully.

Your family, relatives and friends should accompany you on the TORTOUR. Using online live tracking, they can see where you are at any time and then motivate them to experience your finish at the Kunsteisbahn Küssnacht live. The link to the live tracking can be found at <https://tortour.com/live-tracking/>

We wish you a smooth preparation.

Cheers
TORTOUR Team

1. TORTOUR Regulations, Manual and Roadbook

The TORTOUR regulations, the manual and the roadbook contain all important information, which support the planning and preparation for the event. They are mandatory reading in connection with the participation in the TORTOUR Ultracycling.

You can find them in the respective TORTOUR format at: <https://tortour.com/en/ultracycling/>

2. Arrival at Kunsteisbahn Küssnacht

The number of parking spaces in the vicinity of the event location is very limited - first come first served. If possible, the arrival should be organised without a private car, in car pools, by public transport or by your own "taxi service". The instructions of the Verkehrskadetten must be followed. Stopping or parking on pavements and on private parkings will be penalised by the police.

3. Rest rooms/showers

Rest rooms are available in the dressing rooms of KEK, where you can retire and rest if necessary. You must bring your own sleeping mats and sleeping bags. Showers are available in sufficient numbers.

4. Check-in

The check-in times can be found in the manual or on the website under timetable. The signed athlete declaration (see handbook) must be brought to the check-in. Start numbers and starter bag will be handed over at check-in.

5. Inspection of racing bikes

The inspection of the racing bikes of all athletes starting from Küssnacht will be carried out at the entrance to the starting grid. The racing bikes are ready and equipped with reflectors where required. During night mode from 21:15h – 5:45h, racing bikes must be equipped with a front and rear light (not flashing).

6. Briefing

The briefing times can be found in the manual or on the website under timetable.

7. Start time

The start times can be seen on the website and in the manual.

8. Start procedure

- Admission of the athletes to the start area: **Race start time minus 20 min.**
- Wearing of the official TORTOUR jersey (at least for pre-start photo)
- Technical inspection/handling in of the tracker

The starts of all formats and categories will be completed in a neutralized mass start. The starting riders will be guided by motommarshalls. As soon as the race is released, slipstreaming of other teams is not allowed.

9. Routes

The latest course plans or stages and their gpx files can be found at www.tortour.com in the respective race formats under "Route". Please note that route adjustments are possible until shortly before the event due to the approval process.

Tip: Download the gpx files to your navigation device the day before the race starts. This ensures that the latest versions are used.

10. Timestations

Timestation KEK, Küsnacht: The event location in the KEK is also a timestation. Here, too, every passage must be registered.

Catering: The timestations offer race catering. We ask that you treat this food with respect. Only consume as much as you need. There should be enough for everyone.

Behavior at timestations: Some timestations are located in the middle of inhabited neighborhoods. The night's rest is to be respected accordingly.

11. Route signposting

The laps for the TORTOUR 250 (loops of 200 km & 50 km) and therefore the route for the TORTOUR Myself 50 (50 km) and the last lap for all teams are signposted with bright yellow arrows.

12. Catering at event location

Cool drinks and delicious finisher menus await the athletes and their supporters at the finish line. The athlete or crew wristband entitles you to free finisher refreshments.

13. Award ceremony

The award ceremonies take place consecutively. The 1st to 3rd places will be honoured directly when arriving.

14. Cup and medal engraving

Our partner Laser Haus will be on site from 15:00 - 21:00h to engrave your cup or finisher medal with e.g. finisher time or ranking (depending on your wishes).

15. Unaccompanied formats

Unaccompanied means that no external support is accepted. Neither on the course nor at the time stations. As it is forbidden by the regulations and also extremely unfair from a sporting point of view, the TORTOUR staff will take a close look this year and issue time penalties if necessary.

Further information on the routes

- **All routes** The routes are set up in favour of cyclists.
On some sections there are driving bans for cars/motorbikes or participants ride on cycle paths. Escort vehicles are not authorised to drive on these sections, observe the driving bans and comply with them.

As usual, construction sites spring up like mushrooms in the summer. If a route is closed due to roadworks, use the official bypass.

- **TORTOUR 1000**

500 km loop	
Km 0	Start to Forch: No escort vehicle (driving ban)
Km 165	Schöllenschlucht: Athlete via cycle path
Km 254	Tamins to Chur time station: No escort vehicle (driving ban)
Km 326	Davos to Landquart: Athlete on various sections on cycle path
Km 440	Ebnat-Kappel to Ulisbach: No escort vehicle (driving ban)
Km 479	Various driving bans until Km 484

- **TORTOUR 1000/500**

250 km loop	
Km 0	Escort vehicle via Fochstrasse and Zollikerberg to Sennhof
Km 87	Escort vehicle from Koblenz to Kaiserstuhl on main road

- **TORTOUR 1000/500** **200 km loop**
Km 0 Start to Forch: No escort vehicle (driving ban)

- **TORTOUR all formats** **50 km loop**
Km 0 Start to Forch: No escort vehicle (driving ban)
Km 22 Bubikon, Schürwies - caution, grit on the road
