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Ischgl Ironbike Festival 2018

New routes, four distances for the first time and some exciting new race formats – the legendary Ischgl Ironbike Marathon will take place from 2 to 4 August 2018 for the third time as a multi-day mountain biking festival. Events for all the family included. Registration is open now.

The 24th Ischgl Ironbike will be impressing mountain bikers again in 2018 with a multi-day festival programme. The highlight: the legendary Ischgl Ironbike Marathon will take place on 4 August 2018 on new routes and across four distances for the first time – ‘Hard’, ‘Medium’, ‘Light’ and ‘Easy’. The ultimate ‘Hard’ distance leads across 75.80 km and over 3,700m of altitude and as such is one of Europe’s hardest and most challenging mountain biking races. Also new: professionals can collect UCI points during the Ischgl Ironbike Stage Race over three stages – the ‘Alpenhaus Trophy’, ‘Short Track’ and ‘Hard’ Ironbike Marathon route. The ‘Ischgl Alpenhaus Trophy’ promises to offer a special atmosphere as a night-time hill climb covering some 1,000m of altitude along a lit route. The hill climb is also an exciting ‘fox hunt’ for e-mountain bikers. The new ‘Short Track’ is a real show event. Here professionals and amateurs alike can tackle an exciting head-to-head race in separate categories, following a short circular track. Up-and-coming bikers, meanwhile, can start out with the Ironbike Kids’ and Juniors’ Trophy. Savings tip: mountain bikers who register by 30 April 2018 receive a reduction on the starting fee. Registration is now open. For all information on the programme, new routes and registration, see: www.ischglironbike.com.

Hard, harder, ‘Hard’ and ‘Medium’ Ischgl Ironbike

‘Hard’, ‘Medium’, ‘Light’ or ‘Easy’: professional and amateur bikers will find a personal challenge to suit them on one of the four new Ironbike routes during the 24th Ischgl Ironbike Marathon on 4 August 2018. Bikers made of iron will opt for the ultimate discipline: the legendary ‘Hard’ Ironbike Marathon route. With its 75.80 km and 3,700m of altitude, the route extends into the Swiss Samnaun region and is quite rightly known as one of Europe’s hardest mountain biking routes. Burning thighs are included thanks to the steep ascents covering extending up to 2,800m high and the ultimate adrenaline boost on the spectacular single trails. Also challenging: the ‘Medium’ Ironbike route covering 48.80 km and 2,098m altitude. The climb up to the Idalp is steep and strenuous and the continued ascent up to the

Velillscharte requires even well-trained bikers to give everything they have. The highlight: the descent on the Velilltrail designed by mountain biking legend Hans Rey with 1,200m of pure downhill biking fun down to the finish line in Ischgl. Savings tip: before 30 April 2018, early registration for the 'Hard' and 'Medium' Ironbike routes costs 49 euros and up until 29 July 2018, 59 euros. Late registration on-site is also possible from 30 July 2018 up to an hour before the start for 71 euros. Registration is now open at www.ischglironbike.com.

New distances: 'Light' and 'Easy' Ironbike

Sporty amateur bikers will find what they are looking for with the new 'Light' Ironbike circuit via Larein towards Galtür and back to Ischgl, covering 28.70 km of distance and 849m of altitude. Ideal for families: the 11.90 km 'Easy' Ironbike family tour with 278 m of altitude from Ischgl to Mathon and back again where competitive teens aged 15 and over can battle it out, accompanied by their parents. Early registration for the 'Light' or 'Easy' Ironbike routes before 30 April 2018 costs 39 euros and up until 29 July 2018 49 euros. Late registration on-site is also possible from 30 July 2018 and up to one hour before the start for 61 euros. For all information and to register now, see: www.ischglironbike.com.

Silvretta Mountain Biking King and Queen 2018

Anyone wishing to become the 2018 Silvretta Mountain Biking King or Silvretta Mountain Biking Queen should start out with the Montafon Mountain Biking Marathon on 28 July 2018 and 4 August 2018 with the Ischgl Ironbike Marathon. The overall ratings are based on the M³ Extreme and 'Hard' Ironbike Marathon routes and the M² Challenging and 'Medium' Ironbike Marathon routes. The fastest men and women are ranked, crowned the winners and presented with some regal prizes. Savings tip: save 10 euros when you register for both races. Early registration for both marathons before 31 May 2018 costs 89 euros, up until 27 July 2018 104 euros and after this time, 126 euros. For all information and to register now: www.ischglironbike.com.

New: UCI S2 stage race

Alpenhaus Trophy, Short Track and 'Hard' Ironbike Marathon route – if you wish to secure overall victory in the stage race and collect UCI points, you need to complete all three race formats. And as quickly as possible because the times are added up and the fastest competitor is declared the winner. The best bikers win the day prize money or the total prize money for

the Ischgl Ironbike Stage Race. Leader's jersey included. Early registration for the UCI S2 stage race by 30 April 2018 costs 84 euros and up until 29 July 2018 costs 94 euros. Late registration on-site is also possible from 30 July 2018 and up to an hour before the start for 116 euros. For all information and to register now, see: www.ischglironbike.com.

Spectacular new show event: the Ischgl Short Track

A celebratory sprint race: on 3 August, on the evening before the Ischgl Ironbike Marathon, the Ischgl Short Track event will kick off from 18:15. This challenging circular route is open to all licensed and amateur bikers starting out in the separate categories. The aim: to complete as many circuits as possible. Spectators can cheer on their favourites during the spectacular head-to-head race. The Ischgl Short Track is a fixed part of the new Ischgl Ironbike Stage Race.

Alpenhaus Trophy: 1,000m altitude at night

The Alpenhaus Trophy night-time hill climb on 2 August 2018 at 20:00 marks the start of the Ischgl Ironbike Festival. The 7.33 km flood-lit route leads from the centre of Ischgl to the Idalp. Finish: at the 2,320m high Alpenhaus. The Alpenhaus Trophy is a fixed part of the new UCI S2 stage race but can also be completed as an individual race. With advance registration up until 29 July 2018 the entry fee costs 35 euros and after this, 45 euros. For all information and to register now: www.ischglironbike.com.

Hill Climb 'fox hunt' for e-bikers

On 2 August, e-mountain bikers will be battling it out in the e-biking 'fox hunt' powered by BH BIKES with a professional racing biker. Part of the e-bike mass start race is the 'fox hunt' which extends over 7.33 km and 941m of altitude from the start in Ischgl to the Idalp where the 'hunters' try to catch the 'fox'. With advance registration up until 29 July 2018 the entry fee is 35 euros and after this point, 45 euros. For all information and to register now: www.ischglironbike.com.

For up-and-coming bikers: Ironbike Kids' and Juniors' Trophy

At the Ischgl Ironbike Festival, up-and-coming mountain bikers will have plenty to amuse them in 2018 too. On 3 August, kids aged between 5 and 14 years old can get a taste of racing and put their racing skills to the test in the Ironbike Kids' and Juniors' Trophy.

Participation in the Ironbike Kids' and Juniors' Trophy costs 7 euros per person. Registration is open now at www.ischglironbike.com.

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