

Mountain bike legend lives on: 30th Ischgl Ironbike thrills with record number of participants and emotional triumphs

ISCHGL. Over 800 mountain bikers from 26 countries turned up for the 30th anniversary edition of the Ischgl Ironbike, making for an impressive turnout. In one of Europe's toughest mountain bike marathon races, Austria's Hermann Pernsteiner and Italy's Claudia Peretti won the extreme distance on Saturday, repeating their successes from last year. Hermann Pernsteiner and Clara Sommer also secured the Austrian championship titles at the event.

Overall victory for Pernsteiner and Peretti at the 30th Ischgl Ironbike Marathon

The Ischgl Ironbike is considered one of the toughest mountain bike races in Europe and, in addition to the Extreme route (70 km / 3,400 m elevation gain), also includes the Light (25 km / 660 m elevation gain), Medium (44 km / 1,890 m elevation gain) and Hard (59 km / 2,720 m elevation gain) along historic smuggler trails through the impressive natural backdrop of the Silvretta massif. The four Ironbike race tracks were open to all riders, with professionals able to collect points for the ÖRV Austria Marathon Cup and the "Mountainbike Challenge."

Hermann Pernsteiner led a local triple victory in the extreme distance. The Lower Austrian, who is once again fully focused on mountain biking, won with a total time of 3 hours and 43 minutes. 2:30 minutes behind Pernsteiner, Manuel Pliem from Upper Austria took second place. Very strong: "veteran" Daniel Federspiel. The Tyrolean finished third in his 22nd participation. This also corresponds to the result of the Austrian Championships. As in the previous year, the Italian Claudia Peretti won the women's race. The international top athlete rode a lonely race and won after 4 hours and 36 minutes.

On the Hard course, which covers just under 60 kilometers, German World Cup rider Luisa Daubermann (3 hours 47 minutes) wins ahead of young Upper Austrian Clara Sommer. Third place goes to Daniela Traxl-Pintarelli, a multiple podium finisher at the Ischgl Ironbike. Clara Sommer thus wins the Austrian championship title ahead of her mother Sabine. As neither Traxl-Pintarelli nor fourth-placed Bianca Somavilla have an elite licence, young Eva Herzog finishes third in the Austrian Championship standings. In the men's race, Germany's Noah Laschewski wins the hard course in 3 hours and 13 minutes ahead of the two Vorarlberg riders Kilian Feurstein and Julius Scherrer.

Federspiel and Daubermann win the Short Track

The start on Friday with the short track race was just as exciting as the marathon on Saturday. Here, Daniel Federspiel from Tyrol won the men's race and Luisa Daubermann from Germany won the women's race. In addition to the elite riders, the youngest riders were also able to show off their skills in the Ironbike Kids & Juniors Trophy presented by Volksbank Tirol.

Tourism association leaders on the 30th Ischgl Ironbike and its significance for the region

Alexander von der Thannen, Chairman of tourism association Paznaun – Ischgl:

"Top sporting performances, world-class athletes, and a unique event experience – the Ischgl Ironbike is a driving force for summer tourism in Paznaun. It makes a significant contribution to the region's economy and underlines our role as a leading mountain bike destination in the Alps. We are continuing to invest in a strong summer program and in the trails, and we are looking forward to the 31st edition of this exceptional event."

Thomas Köhle, Managing Director of tourism association Paznaun – Ischgl:

"The Ischgl Ironbike has been a sporting flagship for our region for three decades. Such high-caliber events combine top performance with impressive natural scenery and attract national and international guests to Paznaun. They show that Ischgl sets sporting standards not only in winter but also in summer. In the future, we want to make our summer sports offering even more diverse and also develop new formats."

All results in detail:

<https://events.racetime.pro/de/event/1178/competition/7510/results>

Special thanks go to our partners and sponsors, whose support makes the Ischgl Ironbike possible as a top international race and further strengthens Paznaun's position as a leading sports destination in the Alps.

Info about the Ischgl Ironbike: www.ischglironbike.com

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