

## PRESS RELEASE

**HARD, HARDER, HERVIS MOUNTAIN ATTACK, 25th anniversary on 20.1.2023**

- > **Competition celebrates 25th anniversary on 20.01.2023**
- > **Again approx. 1,000 athletes from 22 nations at the start**

**Saalbach - Hinterglemm, 20.12.2023. Austria's biggest and toughest touring ski race, the Hervis Mountain Attack in the Saalbach-Hinterglemm ski circus celebrates an anniversary on Friday, 20 January 2023 - 25 years of "Mountain Attack" in the Glemm Valley**

25 years ago Roland Kurz from the Salzburg event agency NMC launched the Mountain Attack. What was first started in 1999 as an attempt, but still with a vision, has long since developed into a touring ski cult event worldwide.

For 25 years, the Mountain Attack has offered all amateur and hobby athletes the unique opportunity to compete with the best ski mountaineers in the world in the same external conditions, at the same time, and the same distance. Professionals and amateurs united in the same competition on a highly demanding route is unique.

Ski mountaineering is now more than just firmly anchored in our society, it is a beloved winter sport in Austria and in the mountain regions of Europe.

The domestic sports retail trade profits from the sales achieved in this area. The boom is still unbroken, more and more people are finding their way to ski mountaineering, whether as pleasure, hobby or competition ski mountaineers. All facets are represented, all milieus and income levels practice this sport.

On Friday, 20 January 2023, at 16:00, the starting signal will once again be given at the village square in Saalbach.

In a sprint, the athletes run along the village street to the base area at the foot of the Schattberg. Under the motto: "On your skins, ready, steep uphill!" the Glemmtal mountains will be "attacked". With up to 70 percent gradient in the lower area of the Schattberg, already the first mountain demands everything from the athletes.

### THE RACE OF THE MOUNTAIN ATTACK: 4 DIFFERENT DISTANCES

1. the **Schattberg Race**: this is a pure vertical race (ascent race). Here you have to overcome 1017 meters of altitude with the finish at the summit of the Schattberg.
2. the **Tour**: this is an individual race (several ascents and descents). Here the participants have to master 5 summits, a total of 2,036 vertical meters of ascents and also descents are completed. The route leads over: Schattberg - west peak - descent to Hinterglemm - through the village - ascent Hasenauer Köpfl - Reiterkogel - descent Wetterkreuz - Bernkogel - descent to Saalbach.

3. **Marathon:** also an individual race. Here it is necessary to master 3,010 meters of altitude. The route is identical to the tour until Hinterglemm. However, the participants must additionally master the Zwölferkogel ascent, the north descent to the Hochalm and the ascent from the Hochalm towards Hasenauer Köpfl. The athletes thus climb a total of 6 peaks!

4. The **Junior Sprint:** This is a sprint race held at the foot of the Schattberg in the area of the base area. Children between the ages of eight and fourteen start in several heats (of 3-4 kids). The course has about 50 meters of altitude and the duration per Heat will be about 3-5 minutes. From each heat, the fastest will move on to the next round, while the rest will have another chance to qualify in a hope round. This way it goes through quarter-, and semifinals to the final heat.

## ATTACK NEWS:

### Salzburg State Championships

Already for the second time the Salzburg regional champions in the categories long distance (Individual Marathon & Individual Half Marathon) will be elected during the Mountain Attack. The execution in the context of the Mountain Attack takes over the SK Viehhofen with Peter Gruber at the head of the team.

### Live Stream

As in previous years, a LIVE STREAM of the 2023 race will be available at [www.mountain-attack.at](http://www.mountain-attack.at) <<http://www.mountain-attack.at>>. In cooperation with Drei-Business and the production team Mediahaus, Mountain Attack will broadcast live in 5G quality from the start preparations at 15:40 until about 19:30.

In addition, postings, live contributions and current pictures on the Mountain Attack Facebook page will inform fans about the current race progress.

In the finish arena on site, the race will be broadcast with live images on an LED wall in the finish area. Four presenters, eight mobile camera teams, 5 fixed camera positions, as well as a state-of-the-art broadcast van, provide action-packed images and background reports around the Attack.

### Live Tracking App

The timekeeping is done by the Attack partner Time2Win using Active Transponder technology. All participants can use this tracking system via their own Time2Win app and the smartphone they carry acts as a GPS transponder. Thus, spectators and fans can follow their athletes at any time and see their split times and rankings live.

### Mountain Attack Charity

About 100 employees of the company Egger (St. Johann in Tirol) will conquer the Schattberg again this year and collect donations with their altitude meters for the 9th time. The donation amount of approx. euro 5,000, provided by Egger CFO Dr. Thomas Leissing from his private pocket, will again be donated to a charitable cause in 2023 (we will report after the race).

### Safety

For the safety of the participants, a dedicated Mountain Attack doctor will be on site with a Red Cross team. Representatives of the Saalbach Mountain Rescue Service and the Bergbahnen piste service will be positioned at all summits. Several paramedics are integrated into the event team and are on duty at the checkpoints.

### A BOOK to mark the anniversary "25 years of Hervis Mountain Attack".

A must-have for all touring skiers, current and former participants. On more than 120 pages you will find numerous stories, photos, histories and comments from winners, record participants, hobby athletes, employees, and partners.

The books can be ordered on race day on site or at [www.mountain-attack.at/de/news/must-haves/#attack-buch.de](http://www.mountain-attack.at/de/news/must-haves/#attack-buch.de). Price: euro 25.-

### DATA & FACTS

#### Mountain Attack International Touring Ski Marathon

**Date:** Friday 20.01.2023,

**Start:** 16.00, Saalbach

**Place:** Skicircus Saalbach-Hinterglemm

**Distances:** 4 distances on marked and secured slopes

Junior Sprint: Sprint competition with several heats

Marathon: 3010 vertical meters, 6 summits

Tour: 2036 vertical meters, 5 summits

Schattberg Race - Vertical race with finish at the Schattberg summit 1017 vertical meters

Classes: Marathon men & women, Tour men & women, Marathon men +45, Tour +45 men, Junior Sprint.

Prize money: Total eur 7,000

Mountain Hero: Combined ranking with the Marathon of the World Games of Mountainbiking 2023

(long distance only)

### RACE SPECIALS

Course record bonus

Should the course record, set by Jakob Herrmann in 2020, be beaten with 2:15:10 hours, there will be an extra bonus of euro 500.

## RACE PROGRAM

13:00 Junior Sprint

16:00 Start Marathon, Tour, category +45, Schattberg Race in Saalbach, several start waves  
ca. 16.40 First planned arrivals at Schattberg ca. 16.55 First planned arrivals at Hinterglemm  
ca. 17.35 hrs First planned arrivals at Saalbach Tour Men ca. 18.15 hrs First arrivals at Saalbach  
(Marathon)

22.00 hrs Award ceremony Schattberg Arena, Saalbach

## PROGRAM

from 15.00 hrs Start Moderation:

Marina Herzmayr & Oliver Andorfer

from 15.40 hrs LIVE coverage with pictures from Schattberg, Zwölferkogel, Hochalm, Reiterkogel  
and from the course or finish line

22.00 h award ceremony at the village square

Big Attack raffle with 500 prizes, every second ticket wins.

Free fan gondola to the Schattberg immediately after the start at 16.00.

## THE "MOUNTAIN MAN" OF THE PAST YEARS:

(fastest time of the race at the marathon).

Christian Hoffmann (AUT) 2022, 2016, 2014, 2013

Jakob Herrmann (AUT) 2020, course record

Michele Boscacci (ITA) 2019, 2018

Toni Palzer (GER) 2017

Tadei Pivk (ITA) 2015

Kilian Jornet Burgada (ESP) 2012, 2011

Konrad Lex (GER) 2010

Guido Giacomelli (ITA) 2009, 2007, 2006

Andi Ringhofer (AUT) 2008, 2005, 2004

Martin Hornegger (AUT) 2003

Mirco Mezzanotte (ITA) 2002

Luciano Fontana (ITA) 2001

Fabio Meraldi (ITA) 2000

Omar Oprandi (ITA) 1999

## THE WINNERS 2022

Marathon

Winner men: Christian Hoffmann, AUT 02:21:54

Winner Women: Alba de Silvestro, ITA 2:57:42

Winner men +45: Sepp Jetzbacher AUT 2:44:13

Tour

Winner men: Martin Stofner, ITA 1:42:07

Winner Women: Sarah Dreier, AUT 1:58:02

Schattberg Race

Winner men: Daniel Zugg, AUT 41:48

Winner Ladies: Tatjana Paller, GER 53:45

Junior Sprint

Silas Walter, GER

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