

PRESS RELEASE

HARD, HARDER, HERVIS MOUNTAIN ATTACK

- > The 24th anniversary of the competition will be on January 14th, 2022
- > Reduced starting field and several starting waves due to Corona

Saalbach, December 20th, 2021. Austria's largest and toughest touring ski race, the Hervis Mountain Attack in the Skircus Saalbach-Hinterglemm-Leogang-Fieberbrunn, will take place for the 24th time on Friday, January 14th, 2022.

Roland Kurz from the Salzburg event agency NMC launched Mountain Attack 22 years ago. In 1999, both organizers and participants were still considered by many as crazy, because of running up a mountain at racing pace and then race down again at high speed with extremely light material.

In the meantime, ski mountaineering has become firmly anchored in our society and it is no longer possible to imagine the international and national sports scene without it. Domestic sports retailers benefit from the sales achieved in this area. The boom continues unabated, more and more people are finding their way to ski mountaineering, whether as pleasure, hobby or competitive ski mountaineers. From 2026 the sport of ski mountaineering will be included in the Olympic program (Olympic Games Milan/Cortina).

All facts are represented, all milieus and income groups practice the sport; And tourism is also rethinking, because the target group is constantly growing. The Mountain Attack alone ensures many additional nights in the Glemmtal and thus provides important economic impetus.

On Friday, January 14, 2022, 4 p.m., the starting shot will be given on the village square of Saalbach. The start is with staggered start waves, from 4 spatially separated start zones, Corona-compliant according to regulation. Until shortly before the start, despite the entire event in the open air, an FFP2 mask must be worn. At the request of the moderators, these may be removed 30 seconds before the start and must be stowed in the racing suit.

In a sprint, the athletes run along Dorfstrasse to the base area at the foot of the Schattberg. The Glemmtal mountains are attacked under the motto: "On your skins, set, steeply uphill!" With a gradient of up to 70 percent in the lower area of the Schattberg, even the first mountain demands everything from the athletes.

THE RACES of the Mountain Attack: 4 DIFFERENT DISTANCES

1. The Schattberg Race: this is a pure vertical race (ascent race). Here, 1017 meters in altitude have to be conquered with the goal at the summit of the Schattberg.
2. The tour: this is an individual race (several ascents and descents). Here, the participants have to conquer 5 peaks, a total of 2,036 meters of ascents and descents are completed. The route leads over: Schattberg - Westgipfel - descent to Hinterglemm - through the village - ascent Hasenauer Köpfl - Reiterkogel - exit Wetterkreuz - Bernkogel - departure to Saalbach
3. The marathon: also an individual race. There are 3,010 meters of altitude to be mastered here. The route to Hinterglemm is identical to the tour. However, the participants also have to cope with the Zwölferkogel ascent, the north descent to the Hochalm and the ascent from the Hochalm towards Hasenauer Köpfl. The athletes climb a total of 6 peaks!

NEW 2022:

4. The Junior Sprint: this is a new sprint race that will be 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 (each with 4 kids). The route has about 50 vertical meters and the duration of each heat will be about 2 minutes. From each heat, 2 kids move on to the next round, while the 3rd and 4th placed in a hope round have another chance to qualify. So it goes through quarter and semi-finals to the final run.

ATTACK NEWS:

Starting shot by Salzburgs Sports Councilor Stefan Schnöll

The starting gun for the 24th edition of the Hervis Mountain Attack will be given by the Salzburg State Sports Councilor, Mag. Stefan Schnöll, and the participants will be sent into the race.

Live stream

As in previous years, a LIVE STREAM about the race will be shown again in 2022 on www.mountain-attack.at <<http://www.mountain-attack.at>>. In cooperation with DreiBusiness and the Mediahaus production team, we will broadcast live from the preparations for the start at 3:40 p.m. until around 7:30 p.m.

In addition, postings, live contributions and current pictures on the Mountain Attack Facebook page will inform fans about the current course of the race. The on-site spectators will be able to follow the race with live images on an LED wall in the finish area. Four moderators, eight mobile camera teams, 4 fixed camera positions and a state-of-the-art broadcast van provide action-packed images and background reports on everything to do with the attack.

Mountain Attack Charity

About 100 employees of the Egger company (St. Johann in Tirol) will conquer the Schattberg again this year and collect donations for the 9th time with their altitude meters. The donation amount of approx. 4,000 euros, made available by Egger CFO Dr. Thomas Leissing from his private pocket will be made available to a charitable cause again in 2022 (we will report after the race).

safety

For the safety of the participants there is a Mountain Attack doctor with a team from the Red Cross on site. Representatives of the Saalbach mountain rescue and the piste service of the mountain railways are positioned at all peaks. Several paramedics who are on duty at the checkpoints are integrated in the event team.

THE RACE

Many international and national top stars will again be at the start in 2022. Due to the World Cup taking place in Andorra at the same time, the top athletes will split up in both competitions. An open race for the title is expected.

The men's **MARATHON** should be more open than ever before. The 3-time Mountain Attack winner and cross-country Olympic champion from 2002, Christian Hoffmann (AUT) will try to get his fourth title. Opposite are the three Italians William Boffelli - track record holder of the Sellaronda Skimarathon, and the two-time winner of the TOUR, Alex Oberbacher (2019, 2020), and Martin Stofner (3rd place in 2016). They will try to chase the unimaginable record time of 02:15:10, set in 2020 by Jakob Herrmann (AUT).

It doesn't get any less exciting with the women. In all likelihood, four athletes will determine the victory among themselves. Between the two Austrians Johanna Hiemer and Alexandra Hauser, as well as the two Italians Katia Tomatis and Elena Nicolini, a hot fight for victory at the **MARATHON** is expected.

Experience has shown that the **TOUR** men will again be very competitive. Close time intervals are expected. The favorites here are the athletes of the organizing team (La Sportiva Mountain Attack Team) Harald Feuchter (2./2020), Tobias Wagenhofer (3./2020) and Maximilian Kurz (4./2019). Patrick Brieler (4./2020) can also be expected to achieve a top result. In the women's **TOUR**, victory will probably lead to the Austrian national team athlete Sarah Dreier.

DATA & FACTS

Mountain Attack International Touring Ski Marathon

Date: Friday January 14th, 2022,

start: 4 p.m., Saalbach, several start waves, staggered in time

Location: Skicircus Saalbach-Hinterglemm

Route: 4 distances on marked and secured slopes

Marathon: 3010 vertical meters, 6 peaks

Tour: 2036 vertical meters, 5 peaks

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

Junior Sprint: Sprint competition with several heats

Classes: Marathon Men & Women, Tour Men & Women, Marathon Men +45, Tour +45 Men, Junior Sprint

Prize money: total eur 7,000.00

Mountain Hero: Combination ranking with the marathon of the World Games of Mountainbiking 2022 (long distance only)

RACE PROGRAM

1 p.m. : Junior Sprint

4.00 p.m. Start marathon, tour, category +45, Schattberg Race in Saalbach, several starting waves

approx. 4:40 p.m. First planned arrivals at Schattberg

approx. 4:55 p.m. First planned arrivals in Hinterglemm

approx. 5:35 p.m. First planned finishings in Saalbach Tour Men

approx. 6:15 p.m. First finishings in Saalbach (marathon)

10 p.m. award ceremony Schattberg Arena, Saalbach

PROGRAM

from 3 p.m. start moderation: Marina Herzmayr & Oliver Andorfer

from 3.40 p.m. LIVE reporting with pictures from the Schattberg, Zwölferkogel, Hochalm, Reiterkogel and from the route or destination

10 p.m. Awards ceremony on the village square

RACE SPECIALS

Course record bonus

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

THE "MOUNTAIN MAN" OF THE PAST YEARS:

(fastest time of the race on the marathon)

Jakob Herrmann (AUT) 2020, course record

Michele Boscacci (ITA) 2019, 2018

Toni Palzer (GER) 2017

Christian Hoffmann (AUT) 2016, 2014, 2013

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 WINNER 2020

marathon

Winner men: Jakob Herrmann, AUT 02:15:10

Winner women: Alba de Silvestro, ITA 2:49:31

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

tour

Winner men: Alex Oberbacher, ITA 1:40:41

Winner women: Johanna Hiemer, AUT 2:03:30

Schattberg Race

Winner men: Josef Huber, GER 41:23

Winner women: Victoria Kreuzer, SUI 47:34

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