

PRESS MANUAL

65th year of international cycling race TOUR OF SLOVAKIA

INFORMATION ABOUT THE RACE

All information about the race including live text/photo coverage of the race is provided on the official site www.okoloslovenska.com.

Assumed timetables of each stage: <https://www.okoloslovenska.com/sk/rocniky/65-rocnik/etapy> (+ a more specific schedule is enclosed)

Photos and video from each stage are available on Dropbox, every journalist with an accreditation will receive a link). All documents available on Tour of Slovakia Dropbox are free to editorial use. Regarding to every material, we require mentioning the source as okoloslovenska.com, in photo materials together with the name of the photographer, e.g. „Ján Melicher, okoloslovenska.com“ or „Igor Stančík, okoloslovenska.com“

Dropbox link:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/99r6g5lfs1t4o6l/AADJ7COEPGmxhvv36f8wzvRYa?dl=0>

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PRESS CENTRUMS

Košice: Hotel ZLATÝ DUKÁT, Hlavná 16, 040 01 KOŠICE

Dolný Kubín: Mestské kultúrne stredisko, Nám. slobody 3, 026 01 DOLNÝ KUBÍN

Považská Bystrica: Mestský úrad, Centrum 2/3, 017 01 POVAŽSKÁ BYSTRICA

Trnava: Radnica Trnava, Hlavná ulica 1, 917 01 TRNAVA

WARNING

In compliance with the COVID protocol of UCI, only fully vaccinated people or those, who have a negative PCR test (not older than 72 hours), can attend the race. It is mandatory to cover upper respiratory tract in an official area of the race. Interviews with cyclists are allowed only in a two-meters distance and with an appropriate upper respiratory tract covering.

Every accredited attendant of MCP Tour of Slovakia must obey given safety rules, adhere to the road traffic rules, move only in allowed areas and must not endanger themselves or the cyclists.

RTVS and Eurosport are live broadcasting the race.

If a journalist doesn't follow the given rules and instructions of the race directors, they can be deprived of the accreditation.

ACCREDITATION

Only media accredited in advance receive accreditation cards and photo vests, when you want to pick up the cards and vests.

When picking up the accreditation, it is necessary to prove yourself with a press card / confirmation from the editors and in accordance with the rules of the International Cycling Union (UCI) with a certificate of full vaccination against COVID-19 (Green Pass, vaccination card) or a negative PCR test result not older than 72 hours.

Accreditation cards and photo vests can be picked up at the following times and places:

Košice 15.9.2021: Kiosk of Slovak cycling federation, from 12:30 to 13:30,

At other places:

Stage starts: 60 – 30 before the start, where the cyclists are signing.

Stage finished: Kiosk of Slovak cycling federation, 1,5 hours – 30 minutes before the fastest planned arrival.

Dolný Kubín 17.9.: from approx.15:15 to 16:15

Považská Bystrica 18.9.: from 14:00 to 15:00

Trnava 19.9.: from 13:00 to 14:00

Please note that on arrival you must take traffic restrictions into account so that you can plan to arrive at your destination in advance.

START AND RESULTS LISTS

As part of the ecological approach, we ask journalists to use mainly the online start-lists and results lists published on the official website of the race. Printed start lists will be available to a limited extent at the start of accreditation. At the finish line, they will be available in the press centers and Slovak cycling federation kiosk. The result lists will be handed over in printed form on request at the premises of the press center as soon as they have been signed by the main commissaire.

MEDIA WORK

Team presentation in Kosice:

After the presentation, there is an opportunity for quick flash interview in the area around the podium. It is not mandatory for cyclists to give interview.

Start of the stage:

Accredited persons have access to the assigned zones at the start of the stage, including access to team buses. If the racer or team manager agrees, he can give an interview. The

condition is to keep a distance of two meters and have the upper respiratory tract covered

Stage:

Private cars and journalists vehicles in the convoy are prohibited. The driver of every other permitted car in the convoy must have a valid license from the Slovak cycling federation or UCI. For vehicles in the convoy, with the exception of team, commissaires and selected organizers, there is a strict ban on overtaking the peloton.

Cameramen and photographers can take photos only during the ride on a motorcycle, photos from a moving automobile are forbidden in accordance with UCI regulations.

Since the route is mostly on side roads, we recommend for cameramen and photographers to come to the chosen place on the main roads, wait for the peloton to cross, take shots and then move on the main roads again.

Finish of the stage:

All journalists can use the area of the press center, where WiFi connection and work desks with electrical connections are available. There will be no security service or any member of the organization in the press center.

Accredited journalists have access to the mix zone, fan zone and team buses.

Photojournalists and cameramen that wear given vests can enter the assigned area behind the finish line; Behind the finish line, there are two zones on the road, to which photojournalists and cameramen have access according to the signs on their vests. The movement of photojournalists and cameramen on the way behind the finish line is coordinated and managed by an authorized person.

Wearers of the jerseys of individual competitions and the winner of the stage will go through the stage, resp. ceremony through the mix zone. The media can ask them for a short flash interview. The cyclist is not obliged to give an interview. Movement and work in the mix zone is coordinated by an authorized person. In the mixing zone, it is necessary to keep a distance of two meters from the cyclist and to have the upper respiratory tract covered. After the experience at the Olympic Games and other major international cycling events, we recommend the media to use selfie sticks.

Members of the organization will provide audio and video interviews with the winner of the stage and the jersey wearers, which they will publish on Dropbox as soon as possible, where the material will be freely accessible to everyone. In case of use, please cite the source "okoloslovenska.com". After the stage, journalists can also ask cyclists for an interview at team buses, but again, safety regulations apply as during the entire race. The cyclist is not obliged to provide an interview. Immediately after the end of the stage, a ceremony and announcement of results will follow. Photographers and cameramen will have access to an assigned area under the stage.

LONGER INTERVIEWS WITH THE CYCLISTS

If the media is interested in a bigger and longer interview with a cyclist off the race, it is necessary to contact Katarína Ďurková. The race directors will check the possibility of such interview and agree on a date and place of the interview.

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