

The Kickdistance 2023 Rules

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REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

- The event is intended for unmotorized footbikes only.
- Each participant must be at least 18 years old.
- Each participant must have completed the official qualification (ridden a minimum distance within the time cutoffs outlined on kickdistance.com).
- The entry fee of EUR 30.00 has been paid. The deposit of EUR 50.00 for the GPS tracker must be paid in cash prior to the start (the deposit will be refunded when the tracker is returned in Berlin).

START, COURSE LENGTH AND FINISH

- The start is in the inner city of Vienna (Stephansplatz, 48°12'31.6 "N 16°22'21.1 "E or 48.208779, 16.372530), Saturday, 1 July 2023, 06:00 local time.
- The route is approximately 600 km long. The actual route length may vary individually.
- The finish is in the inner city of Berlin (Brandenburger Tor, Pariser Platz, 52°30'58.8 "N 13°22'41.7 "E or 52.516330, 13.378256).
- The rider must finish by Monday, 3 July 2023, 08:00 local time (within 50 hours after start)
- This is a ride on mostly public roads and not a race.

THE ROUTE AND ITS MARKINGS

- The route runs from Vienna (AUT) via Znojmo (CZE), Jihlava (CZE), Kolín (CZE), Mladá Boleslav (CZE), Jablonné v Podještědí (CZE), Bautzen (GER), Sedlitzer-See (GER), Baruth-Mark (GER), Lichtenrade (GER) to Berlin (GER).
- Only two segments of the route are mandatory, namely from Vienna to Korneuburg and from Lichtenrade to Berlin (see "Checkpoints and Support").
- GPX files are available for download at kickdistance.com. The entire route is divided into eleven GPX files, the first (start area) and the last (finish area) contain the mandatory route to be followed. The nine routes are a recommendation.
- The route will be unmarked. Each participant must navigate by themselves.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

Each participant will need the following mandatory equipment:

Technical

- A roadworthy footbike with at least two functioning brakes.

Equipment during the ride

- Reflectors on the footbike and clothing.
- A bicycle helmet. The helmet must be worn at all times. Riding without a helmet may result in disqualification.
- First aid kit
- Mobile phone and GPS tracker (provided by the organiser). A personal GPS recording of the ride must be created (e.g. using a smartphone or bike computer, see "Control of Participants").
- Emergency card with important personal data, as well as telephone numbers of the organiser. The emergency card will be available for download from kickdistance.com at least 7 days before the event. It can also be filled out immediately prior to the start. The card must be carried at all times.

Additional equipment during the ride (may also be carried in the support vehicle)

- Front and rear lights for the night and poor visibility conditions, white light at the front, red light at the back (flashing is permitted),
- Sufficient batteries for lighting, mobile phone and other electrical devices.

COMPLETING THE COURSE, LEAVING THE COURSE, QUITTING

Each participant must comply with the following rules:

- The course must be completed under your own power.
- Leave no trace: Do not litter. If you spend the night in the wild, leave the sleeping place as you found it. It is forbidden to spend the night or light a fire in national parks.
- The rules of the road traffic regulations must be observed.
- You may leave the route at any time.
- If you have to quit the event, please inform the organiser by SMS. The GPS tracker must be handed in in Berlin.

CHECKPOINTS AND SUPPORT

- There are a total of ten checkpoints (named "Controlstations" as they were called in 1893). The Controlstations are wide areas on the map The checkpoint will be registered as completed automatically. Therefore, you do not have to stop.
- The event allows support in any form. The only condition is that every metre is covered under your own power.
- Slipstreaming is allowed.

SLEEPING AND EATING

The organiser does not provide accommodation or food for the participants. It is up to each participant to organize accommodation and food as needed.

RULE ENFORCEMENT

- Each participant will receive a GPS tracker at the start and is required to have it with them (on their footbike or on their body) throughout the Kickdistance. The tracker will monitor the position of the participants along the way. This is important for checking that the route is being followed and also for safety reasons in the event of a rescue. It will be possible to track the position of each participant during Kickdistance on the internet (Live View).
- Random checks, to check compliance with the rules, can take place in any part of the route.
- In addition to the tracker, a personal GPS recording of the ride is obligatory. This recording must be presented to the organiser after the ride (link to Strava, Garmin, etc.).

PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATION

- Any competitor can be penalised or disqualified for breaking the rules.
- Penalty time +15 minutes:
 - Riding without a helmet
 - Littering the course with rubbish
 - Missing the prescribed mandatory equipment
- Penalty time +30 minutes or disqualification (depending on the severity of the rule violation):
 - Use of illegal assistance (transport using a car, train, etc.)
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct towards other participants
 - Deliberate endangering of traffic safety (e.g. not using sufficient lighting at night).

RESULTS AND PRIZES

Kickdistance 2023 is a non-stop event. The time needed to complete the route is calculated regardless of sleep time, repair of the footbike or other activities. There are two categories: Men, Women. There will be a trophy for the first three in each category. Each finisher will receive a medal and a certificate.

Between Controlstation IX and Controlstation X (Berlin) there will be a timekeeping line at which you will have covered 582.5 km. The position of the timekeeping line will be announced at least 7 days before the ride. The following results will apply regardless of the placing:

- **GOLD:** less than 31 hours for 582.5 km
- **SILVER:** from 31 hours and less than 39 hours for 582,5 km
- **BRONZE:** from 39 hours for 582.5 km and less than 50 hours for Vienna-Berlin

This means that there could be, for example, five people with gold or no person with gold.

OTHER

- Each participant is obliged to follow the instructions of the organiser and persons appointed by the organiser.
- Each participant is aware of all risks associated with participation in the event, in which he/she participates voluntarily and at his/her own risk. He/she is also aware that in the event of any damage to health or property, he/she cannot demand monetary compensation from the organiser or assert any other claims. The organiser is not responsible for the health and life of the participants during the entire Kickdistance sport event.
- The participant acknowledges that the organiser is not responsible for the condition of the track. If the participant uses public roads, he/she must observe and comply with the locally applicable road traffic regulations.
- Each participant is obliged to provide first aid to injured participants. In case of injury or other health problems of another participant, all participants are obliged to report this to the organiser.
- If a participant decides to quit his/her participation in the event, the organizer will not provide transfer of participants to the finish.
- The organizer reserves the right to make changes to the route and programme.
- Each Kickdistance participant is responsible for his/her own health insurance and accident insurance. Under no circumstances is the organiser responsible for the type of insurance taken out by the Kickdistance participant.
- By registering for the event, the participant agrees that his/her participation and the services provided during the event may be audio-visually recorded by the organiser or a person appointed by the organiser. The participant also authorises the organiser to use the audiovisual recordings, photos or time results made before, during and after the event for presentation purposes (Internet, print media, publications) without the participant being entitled to any remuneration.

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