



# RIDER MANUAL



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## About Monaco di Baviera Classic

Monaco di Baviera Classic is the ultimate unsupported ultracycling challenge. It goes beyond being a mere ride; it stands out as one of the most demanding ultracycling routes globally and offers some of the world's most stunning landscapes. As you take on the Monaco di Baviera Classic, you'll marvel at the beauty of Bavaria, Austria, the Alps, and the Italian Dolomites, conquering iconic passes such as Passo Stelvio, Passo Mortirolo, Passo Gavia, Monte Zoncolan, and many others. And it's not just about the climbs: the route features over 400 km of pristine bike paths and dedicated bike roads, allowing you to pedal through breathtaking scenery mostly free from traffic.

*"Such an epic adventure! I have been coming for many years to the alps but I have never experienced something like this. It feels sometimes like a dream, a different magic world. I will definitely join again!" - E.L. (Cap 44)*

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing challenge? Our dedicated team is pouring their heart and soul into making this a week you'll never forget. Relish the preparation, stay safe, and give it your all!

*It always seems impossible, until it's done – Nelson Mandela  
If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you – Fred Devito*

## CHALLENGE DETAILS

The “Monaco di Baviera Classic” (MdBC) challenge features a fixed route with 10 optional checkpoints. Starting in Munich, Germany, the route is 98.7% paved, making a road bike ideal, though expect some short gravel sections and a few cobbled sectors. To be finisher you must complete at least the base route of 1,288 km with 23,230 meters of climbing and reach a minimum of 2 checkpoints. The best riders will conquer all 10 checkpoints, covering a total of 1,581 km with 30,670 meters of climbing.

CP1 Eng Alm. 49,3 Km, +470m. <https://www.komoot.com/de-de/tour/1752492045>

CP2 Passo Gavia: 33,1 Km, +1.310m. <https://www.komoot.com/de-de/tour/1695390656>

CP3 Garda lake & CP4 Passo San Giovanni loop: 95,8 Km, +1.130m.

<https://www.komoot.com/de-de/tour/1911354696>

CP5 Passo Pordoi: 18,5 Km, +640m. <https://www.komoot.com/de-de/tour/1732099536>

CP6 Passo Falzarego & Valparola: 15,8 Km, +830m. <https://www.komoot.com/de-de/tour/1732099851>

CP7 Passo Fedaia: 13,9 Km, +1.020m. <https://www.komoot.com/de-de/tour/1732099733>

CP8 Rifugio Auronzo: 19,7 Km, +750m. <https://www.komoot.com/de-de/tour/1695401915>

CP9 Edelweißspitze: 3,5 Km, +150m. <https://www.komoot.com/de-de/tour/1695410973>

CP10 Kitzbüheler Horn: 19,2 Km, +1.160m. <https://www.komoot.com/de-de/tour/1695425983>



You have the flexibility to choose how many checkpoints you want to tackle, from 2 to 10. To boost your ranking, aim to hit as many checkpoints as possible, as classifications are based first on the number of checkpoints and second on the time taken. If you're up for an adventure, we highly recommend attempting the full route, as each optional segment is worth the effort and you will have surprises at the finisher get-together.

Strategizing your checkpoints will be crucial if you're uncertain about completing the entire route within the allotted time. Plan which checkpoints you intend to reach and, equally important, be prepared to adapt your plan during the ride. Each checkpoint varies in distance, elevation, altitude, road surface, and location along the route.

Our advice? Plan to ride it all and be flexible in your approach. We will provide the route in 8 segments. With 8 days (and 7 nights) to complete the challenge, these segments will help you gauge your progress and ensure you stay on track to finish on time.

Ready to embark on this epic journey?

## Rules

Following the designated route (including riding on the bike line if the gpx file indicates it) is compulsory at any time. If you decide to abandon the route (for example to buy some food) you need to go back until the point you left the route and continue from there.

The route has 10 optional virtual checkpoints, each of them located in a dead-end or loop. You can choose how many checkpoints you want to conquer from 2 to 10. As virtual checkpoints, you do not need to stop or sign anything there. Thanks to the tracker device, each conquered checkpoint will be automatically added to your list. However, please take a picture of yourself at the end of each checkpoint and send it to us when you reach the dead-end.

Classification will be firstly per amount of conquered checkpoints and secondly per time needed to complete the route. Therefore, the more checkpoints, the better classification you will get.

There is a time limit to complete the route (until sunset on 28.06.2025) so here comes the strategy: there is no point to conquer all checkpoints if you arrive after the time limit! Regarding the tracker device, there is no issue if you come after the time limit: you have 5 days to give it back to us or send it back yourself from the time limit.

The route has been studied and adjusted in a very detailed way. In fact, it is marked when you should ride the bike lane and when you should ride the road. However, you can expect that at some point a segment is closed (for example due to an accident, road works or bike path renovation). In this particular case you are allowed to do the shorter alternative detour in order to go back to the route as soon as it is possible.



If joining the challenge in “solo” category, you must perform the challenge on your own, without travelling with others and without doing drafting with other participants or vehicles. Of course you can ride side by side for a few minutes in case you encounter another rider on your way but never do drafting between the two of you. If joining the challenge in “team” category, you must ride the full time with your team and you are allowed to do drafting only with them. The team is usually 2 riders but this year we allow bigger teams as well. The team shall remain together all the time.

You must have the tracker device (which will be provided to you before the start of the challenge) switched-on the full-time so that every rider can compare their location and speed with each other. Also, tracker will be located in the designated area indicated by the tracker partner.

You must be fully self-supported. No 3rd party support, private lodgings or resupply is allowed. You must source your own assistance. All food, drink and equipment must be carried with you or acquired at commercially available services. You cannot get any help or supply from any other rider (unless it is your team and you have joined the “team” category of the challenge).

If you have any issue with your bike, you need to solve it yourself (or go to a bike store and go back to the point you were before). There is no assisting vehicle or assistance and you are not allowed to get help from any person you know or another rider.

You must perform the travel without taking advantage of other vehicles.

A systemic use of painkillers or caffeine pills is not allowed.

If you plan to sleep in hotels or hostels, you may make the reservations only once the challenge has started and not before.

Through your journey, you must observe all local traffic laws and ride in the spirit of self-reliance and equal opportunity.

## Categories

The challenge has 2 main categories: solo and team.

Solo means that you participate in the challenge alone. By taking this challenge, you will enjoy the experience in a 100% self-supported manner: No riding partner, no drafting, no resupply or support from another rider or person you know.

Team means that you participate in the challenge together with other additional riders (usually another rider but we allow bigger teams). By taking this category you commit to ride together with the rest of the team all the journey and you will be able to together enjoy the



ride, draft between the team and support each other. There will be so many team rankings as team's sizes.

## Benefits

When registering to the challenge, you will benefit from the following services and experiences which have been arranged for you:

- ✓ Welcome event in private location with food and drinks included
- ✓ Discounts for exclusive Monaco di Baviera Classic's cycling clothes
- ✓ 10% discount for purchasing ultracycling Cyclite equipment at Cyclite.cc
- ✓ 25% discount for renting Apidura equipment at simplybikepacking.com
- ✓ the gpx files of the route (splitted in 8 files for your comfort)
- ✓ A starter-kit including at least:
  - MDBC light travel backpack
  - the tracking device for the duration of the challenge
  - the exclusive Monaco di Baviera Classic cap
  - MDBC stickers
- ✓ Publishing of your bike features on dotwatcher.cc
- ✓ A coverage of the pre-challenge, a daily report coverage and challenge wrap-up coverage on dotwatcher.cc
- ✓ Real-time information in 3D Map on the position of all participants, including yourself, at followmychallenge.com
- ✓ Live media coverage (1 on the field, 1 media car & on the field, 1 media car & on the field\*)
- ✓ The exclusive 3D biodegradable Monaco di Baviera Classic finisher medal
- ✓ Finisher get-together (food or drinks at own expense)
- ✓ Publishing of individual times on our website and media
- ✓ Publishing of photos that riders may share

\*final setup of live media coverage cannot be confirmed yet and it can vary

## Calendar:

- **20.06.2025 from 17.30h to 19.30h**  
Welcome event & Accreditation in Munich (Germany). A specific address will be provided upon registration.
- **21.06.2025 from 4.45h to 5.00h**  
small bag dropping from riders, if needed and previously agreed
- **21.06.2025 at sunrise (05:13)**  
Start of the challenge
- **28.06.2025 from 18:00**  
Rider get-together & welcome to the last finishers
- **28.06.2025 at sunset (21:18)**  
Time limit to complete the challenge



## REGISTRATION PROCESS:

To ensure that everything works smoothly, the subscription to the challenge will have two phases: (i) the pre-registration phase, (ii) the registration phase.

### Pre-registration:

Once registrations are open on 01.12.2024 at 10.00am, you may complete and send the pre-registration form which will include the confirmation that you have read both the rider's manual and rider's agreement. You will find the pre-registration form in our web, under "registration":

<https://monacodibavieraclassic.com/registration>

The first 99 riders to pre-register will receive in the following hours a confirmation e-mail with information about the payment and registration. **Please check your junkbox mailbox**, as it is usual that the confirmation e-mail goes there, and **whitelist our email address** so you can receive our communications on your main mailbox.

### Registration

You will have 5 working days to perform the registration from the moment in which the confirmation e-mail is sent. To this aim, you will have to do a bank transfer of the entry fee:

- Early bird discounts - Pre-registrations from 01.12.2024 to 31.03.2025:
  - o The first 50 riders: 158 € (36% off)
  - o Rider 51 and onwards: 174 € (30% off)
- Regular entry fee: Pre-registrations from 01.04.2025 to 30.04.2025: 248 €

## IMPORTANT PRE- AND POST-CHALLENGE NOTES

### Insurance

Monaco di Baviera Classic only provides you with some benefits so you can enjoy a unique ride. Thus, MdBC provides NO insurance. Riders are recommended to individually contract an individual medical, liability or legal insurance.

### Accreditation

The accreditation on 20.06.2025 from 17.30 to 19.30 is mandatory to join the challenge. Besides, the Welcome event is a great opportunity to meet the other riders, get in touch with the Team, ask questions and get ready for the ride.



If you are not able to come to the accreditation at the specified time, please send an e-mail to [info@monacodibavieraclassic.com](mailto:info@monacodibavieraclassic.com) at least 7 days in advance so that we can try to find an alternative time for you.

During the accreditation you must:

- show your ID card, which should display the name provided in the registration
- bring 150€ in cash as a deposit for the tracker device
- sign a hard copy of the "Rider Agreement" provided by us

Upon performing these steps, you will receive the starter bag.

If you are not able to fulfil any of the above (e.g. if you forget to bring your ID card, the EUR 150 in cash), you will not receive the starter bag nor will you be considered in the classification. No refund of the registration fee will take place neither.

## Tracker device

The tracker device provides an enhanced experience of the challenge, as it will allow you follow-up the location of every rider registered to the challenge, their speed and their resting time on real time and at any time. Also it will allow you to get an impression of the final "classification" of the challenge.

The use of the tracker devices requires a deposit of EUR 150. You will need to provide these in cash during the accreditation moment. This deposit will be refunded in cash at the moment you give back the tracker or via direct transfer / PayPal in the following 3 days.

If you are not able to return the tracker in person at the designated endpoint because, for example, you decide to scratch, you will receive the instructions so you can send the tracker yourself directly to the tracker company. Once they receive it, the deposit will be refunded.

If you lose the tracker, you will lose the deposit too as that is the compensation asked by the company renting the tracker.

In case you have any issue with the tracker during the challenge you can contact a representative of MDBC via Whatsapp or Email so we can coordinate the support with our partner. Further details will be given at the accreditation. Until the issue is solved you may continue the route but, in this case, you will need to prove your ride by saving it in a GPS device in order to be included in the classification of the challenge.

## Classification

Riders who violate any rules, or who need to scratch themselves from the challenge for any reason, will be marked as DSQ (Disqualified) or DNF (did not finish) on the classification, respectively. Classification will be ranked firstly per amount of checkpoints and secondly per time needed.



## Refund policy:

In the very unlikely case in which we need to cancel the challenge you will get 100% refund at any time. If you decide to cancel your registration, the following refund policy will apply:

- Until 31.01.2025: 75% of the amount will be refunded
- From 01.02.2025 until 31.03.2025: 50% of the amount will be refunded
- From 01.04.2025 until 30.04.2025: 25% of the amount will be refunded
- From 01.05.2025 until 22.05.2025: 20€ refund
- From 23.05.2025: no refund

## Contact

To solve any questions before and after the challenge, you may contact the team via [info@monacodibavieraclassic.com](mailto:info@monacodibavieraclassic.com).

This e-mail is also available should you decide to scratch from the challenge. If this happens, you need to inform of your decision via this e-mail as soon as possible.

## Applicable law and liability

Please read the Rider's agreement on this matter.