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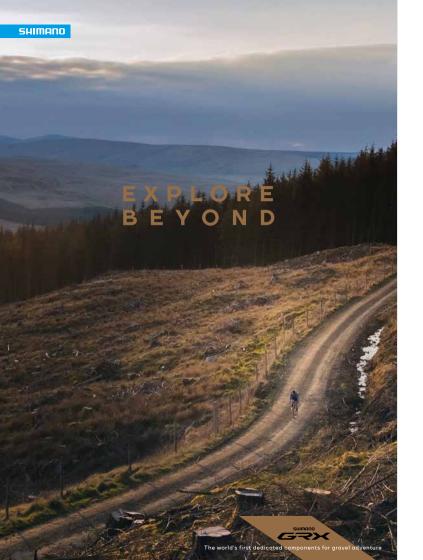




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Dear Organising Committee, dear athletes, officials, media representatives, volunteers and spectators,

On 1 and 2 February 2020, the leading lights of international cyclo-cross will meet at Dübendorf airfield for the UCI World Championships. I am thrilled that our city will be playing host to around 300 elite athletes from 30 different countries, not to mention the 20,000 or more spectators who will be coming to support them. Media representatives all over the world will be reporting live from this world-class event – Dübendorf is going global!

With its excellent public transport infrastructure, its proximity to Zurich Airport and its location on the outskirts of the city of Zurich, Dübendorf is the perfect place to stage this major event.

Back in the summer, the City of Dübendorf held a pump track challenge for children in collaboration with the Zurich Sports Department. The final for the kids who have qualified will be taking place on 31 January 2020 in conjunction with the UCI World Championships, also at Dübendorf airfield. We have been particularly pleased by all the positive feedback we have received from the local community in response to this sports



project for children and young people in Dübendorf. I would like to say a big thank you to the Organising Committee and to everyone involved from the army, the police, the emergency services and the transport services, along with the many specialists and volunteers who are helping to make the 2020 UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships a success.



André Ingold Mayor



FOREWORD BY THE MAYOR







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It is 25 years since UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships were last held in Switzerland: in Eschenbach in 1995 the host country's own Dieter Runkel claimed the Elite Men's title, with his Swiss team mate Beat Wabel winning the bronze medal.

Switzerland has a rich history in cyclo-cross with big names from the 1970s and 1980s including five-time UCI World Champion Albert Zweifel and 1988 UCI World Champion Pascal Richard as well as Peter Frischknecht and Gilles Blaser, regulars on international podiums.

A new generation of Swiss athletes has been proving its strength in international cycle-cross and they will be looking to shine in front of their home crowd in Dübendorf. In the third round of this season's Telenet UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup held in the Swiss capital of Bern, the host nation saw two of its athletes Kevin Kuhn and Loris Rouiller on the Men Under 23 podium.

Here in Dübendorf they will again have the advantage of racing at home, but the competition will be very tough for this, the climax of the cyclo-cross season.

Although we cannot predict an outcome, we do know that the athletes will be competing in the best possible conditions. For this, I would like to express my thanks to Swiss Cycling, organiser of the 2020 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships. The Federation and its Co-Presidents Franz Gallati and Patrick Hunger are committed not only to cyclo-cross but also to the promotion of cycling in all its forms and at all levels.

These UCI World Championships are also possible thanks to the collaboration of local authorities, partners, sponsors, officials and volunteers, and on behalf of the UCI I thank them all.



David Lappartient President UCI



MESSAGE FROM THE UCI PRESIDENT



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Six sets of medals will be awarded in Dübendorf over two days. This year marks the launch of the U19 Junior Women category, meaning that for the first time in the history of cyclo-cross, women will be offered the same competitive programme as the men. We are delighted that this long-overdue step is being made here in Switzerland.

The sport experienced its heyday in this country in the last century and there are many reasons for it to enjoy a renaissance. Cyclo-cross races are short, intensive, thrilling and spectacular and therefore capture the spirit of the times.



The same applies to the fringe programme, which gives you the chance to get in the saddle yourself on a TORTOUR Gravel Charity Ride. Enjoy delicacies from around the world on the Streetfood piazza and end the day in the party tent.

On behalf of the entire organising committee, we wish you an exciting UCI World Championships.



Markus Pfisterer Co-presidents of the UCI World Championships Organising Committee Joko Vogel Co-presidents of the UCI World Championships Organising Committee



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| 14:00 - 16:00 | Official training |
| 13:30 - 17:00 | TORTOUR Gravel Charity Ride |
| 10:00 - 12:00 | Official training |
| 09:00 | Site opening |

Programme modifications reserved

Saturday, 1 February 2020

| Site opening |
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| Official training |
| Women U19 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships |
| Podium ceremony |
| Official training |
| Men U23 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships |
| Podium ceremony |
| Official training |
| Women Elite UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships |
| Podium ceremony |
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Sunday, 2 February 2020

| 09:00 | Site opening |
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| 09:00 - 10:30 | Official training |
| 11:00 | Men U19 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships |
| Afterwards | Podium ceremony |
| 11:45 - 12:30 | Official training |
| 13:00 | Women U23 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships |
| Afterwards | Podium ceremony |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | Official training |
| 14:30 | Men Elite UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships |
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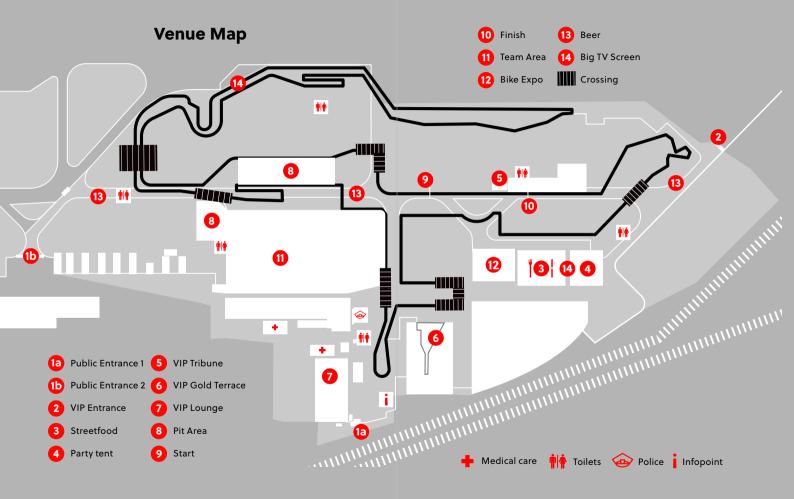
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Switzerland. My childhood memories of watching the great heroes Zweifel, Frischknecht and others on Swiss television practically every Sunday in winter are still with me. All the more reason for me to be excited about the chance to do the commentary on the races in Dübendorf alongside Christian Heule"

"Cvclo-cross has a great tradition in

Claude Jaggi, SRF commentator

| Saturday, February 1 st 2020 | |
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Sunday, February 2nd 2020

U23 Men 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Men 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

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The Swiss contender and a world first

Dario Lillo is officially the biggest rival of Belgian highflyer Thibau Nys. The first U19 female UCI World Champion will go down in history in Dübendorf.

70 years after the first World Championships in Paris, women and men will compete for the same number of medals in a global competition for the first time. The junior women will make their debut in Dübendorf and it would be somewhat of a shock if the Dutch flag wasn't raised after the races. Puck Pieterse took sixth place last year in the U23 category when she was only 16! In mid-November, she celebrated becoming the first U19 European champion in history in Silvelle, Italy.



Her strongest competitors are her compatriot Shirin van Anrooij, French cyclist Olivia Onesti and the American Madigan Munro.

There is one clear favourite among the junior men. Thibau Nys, the son of the seven-time World Cup winner Sven Nys, has seemed almost untouchable at times. Nys is the leader of a very strong Belgian team that took places 1, 2, 4 and 5 at the European Championships. Dario Lillo is the one athlete standing up to the Belgians. The man from St. Gallen, who is also very fast on a mountain bike, won bronze at the continental competitions. In the prestigious World Cup races which took place in Namur and Zolder just before and after Christmas, Lillo was only beaten by Nys – on Boxing Day in Zolder, the difference was a mere two seconds.

The last Swiss competitor to win a World Championship medal in the U19 category was back in 2005, when Julien Taramarcaz took silver in the German town of St. Wendel.





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Swiss Cycling has two medal candidates

The Swiss delegation is aiming for its first UCI World Championship podium place in 15 years in the U23 category. The titleholder is the one to beat among the women.

As the overall UCI World Cup winner, the strongest Swiss man on paper, Kevin Kuhn, belongs to the relatively large group of favourites among the men. Besides Loris Rouiller from Lausanne, this

group comprises approximately half a dozen athletes from four nations (Holland, Belgium, France and Great Britain). Underdoas should not be underestimated in the men's U23 category either. The Frenchman Mickael Crispin



came out on top at the European Championships in Silvelle in mid-November. He had not been able to achieve better than 9th place in the first five World Cup races. Ceylin del Carmen Alvarado, undoubtedly the strongest U23 athlete today, is contesting the elite race in Dübendorf. This means that Alvarado's Dutch compatriot Inge van der Heijden has been promoted to favourite. At only 20 years old, she is the defending champion. The group of strongest challengers includes the Brit woman Anna Kay, the Frenchwoman Marion Norbert Riberolle and the Dutchwoman Manon Bakker. Swiss hopes rest on Noemi Rüegg's shoulders. The woman from Zurich – who is just 18 – could secure a top ten place on a good day.

The last time a Swiss man won a World Championship medal in the U23 category was back in 2005, when Simon Zahner took bronze in the German town of St. Wendel. Both Kuhn and Rouiller have the potential to take the place of the man from Zurich Oberland, who is still cycling.





J23 WOMEN AND MEN PREVIEW



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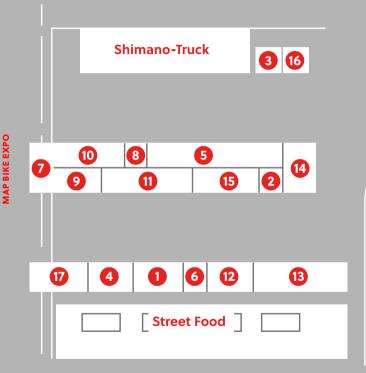






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Map Bike Expo



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The orange colossus and the titleholder

There is a high chance that the Dutch national anthem will be played after the women's race. The greatest danger facing the strongest team will likely come from Belgium.

Anyone who enjoys playing the numbers game and who is partial to a bet would probably put their money on Lucinda Brand. The Dutch competitor came fourth at the World Championships in 2017 before taking bronze in 2018 and silver last year. The 30-year-old is missing a big win from this list of achievements. The competition is mainly from her fellow compatriots. European champion Yara Kastelijn is

one to watch, as is her predecessor Annemarie Worst.

The usual unmissable orange of the competing cyclo-cross colossus will also be represented by an athlete who would still be eligible for the U23 category. Ceylin del Carmen Alvarado, who was born in the Dominican Republic and moved to the Netherlands with her family when she was

five, secured the Dutch elite championship title three weeks before the World Championships and then announced that she would compete in Dübendorf in the elite category. The question is if the 21-year-old will be able to reach her full potential on the day. Surprisingly, in 2019, Alvarado had to concede defeat to two teammates in the highest junior category at the title championships in Denmark. However, her most famous compatriot in



cyclo-cross will certainly not stand in her way in Dübendorf – Marianne Vos, one of the most successful cyclists in history, with Olympic medals on track and road as well seven cyclo-cross gold medals, has dropped out due to a hernia.

If you're looking for rivals from other countries, look no further than Sanne Cant. The Belgian athlete, who was World Champion for the last three years in a row, has not made an especially strong impression up to mid-January. However, the 29-year-old has the ability to give it her all on the day.



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The king and his successors-in-waiting

Reigning champion Mathieu van der Poel is competing in Dübendorf as the favourite. He will be challenged by over half a dozen Belgians.

Since the 2015 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships in Tabor, Czech Republic, either Mathieu van der Poel or Wout van Aert have worn the rainbow jersey and it would be surprising if any other athlete beat them in Dübendorf. Van der Poel, the 25-year-old Dutch man, is the overwhelming favourite. Van Aert, the 25 year old Belgian, has recently returned to competition after his horrible crash in the Tour de France.

If the multi-talented cyclist Van der Poel shows any weaknesses, it is extremely likely that a Belgian competitor will take advantage of this. Eli Iserbyt won all the races that Van der Poel missed at the start of the season and Toon Aerts was impressive in his consistency. All 8 Belgians finished in the top 11 at the 2019 World Championships in the Danish town of Bogense, making them an unparalleled group.

Swiss hopes rest in part on the shoulders of 24-year-old Timon Rüegg. Prior to the two most recent competitions, the ambitious man from Zurich stood in 18th place in the overall World Cup ranking, behind 13 Belgians and 4 Dutch. Simon Zahner achieved 9th place at the 2017 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships in Luxembourg, which was the last time a Swiss man finished in the top ten. If the race goes well for him, Rüegg could move further into the top ten.







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For the **seventh time** the rainbow jersey is awarded here in Switzerland. With big names from the 1970s and 1980s including five-time UCI World Champion Albert Zweifel

Switzerland has a rich history in Cyclocross. Athletes like Kevin Kuhn or Loris Rouiller could become the future stars. the **Dubendorf airfield**. The oldest permanent airfield in Switzerland looks back on a very colourful history. From aviatic pioneer work at the beginning, to the home base airport for Swissair up to a purely military airbase – they have nearly seen everything here in Dübendorf. Today the airfield is mainly used by civil aviation and the Swiss air rescue service.

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