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## Mondraker Enduro2 – Mountain bike action for teams of two in Davos

The mountain bike race Mondraker Enduro2 in the Grisons destination Davos Klosters will already take place for the third time from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019. It is one of the few enduro races for teams of two in Europe and is accordingly well received by the international mountain bike community. For the 450 participants, the focus of this race adventure, which has been sold out a long time ago, will be on the first-class trails of the Davos Klosters region as well as team spirit. This time, some very special teams take part. Moreover, exciting news for 2020 are announced.

Like in a real Enduro race, Mondraker Enduro2 also runs several stages or timed sections per day. These mainly lead downhill and last a few minutes each. Between these descents on the best trails of the Davos Klosters Region, the participants cover various transfer stages without time measurement, often supported by mountain railways. This leaves time to enjoy the impressive alpine scenery of the Grisons mountains or to chat with other race participants from all over Europe and even overseas and to cultivate the international bike community. Thus, only half of the participants are from Switzerland. In addition, the riders share the whole adventure with their team partner, which, as is generally known, doubles the pleasure. The race format therefore is very popular: the event was sold out within 30 days and the waiting list is long.

### The most attractive trails around Davos Klosters

In the three race days, the 450 participants from 24 different countries, racing in 225 teams of two, cover a total of around 120 kilometres, climb almost 1500 metres and ride a good 12,000 metres downhill. The trails are varied and attractive – but sometimes also technically demanding, as they are all natural trails, no man-made flow trails. Because of this, a good level of mountain biking skills is essential to have fun at Mondraker Enduro2. "Our goal is to show experienced mountain bikers the most beautiful trails of the destination Davos Klosters in the best company," says Britta Wild from the extremely small organizing committee. "This year, returning participants again will get their money's worth: around 50% of the routes are new, because the bike Mecca around Davos Klosters cannot be done in three days and still has plenty of phenomenal trails to offer. The organisers are a non-commercial association and the event is very family-like, according to the motto "for bikers by bikers!" The atmosphere at the event is correspondingly relaxed: "Even though it is a race, nobody feels pressured to win. Friendship and sportsmanship are in the foreground for everyone," says Britta Wild.

### Snowboard pro Nevin Galmarini and Gehrig-Twins at the starting line

The field of participants therefore is very varied, divided into the categories men, women, mixed and new 77+. There also is a considerable age range, from 18 to 60. "We are very happy to have snowboard parallel slalom Olympic and World Cup winner Nevin Galmarini with us this year at Mondraker Enduro2," says Britta Wild. Galmarini will compete in a mixed team with top biker Stefanie Thalmann. The fact that his team-mate is faster than him doesn't bother the snowboard-professional. Quite the contrary: "I only discovered mountain biking about seven years ago and like to ride with people who are better than me, like Steffi. This way I always get to learn... well, only if I manage to keep up with her." Staying the course is also the motto in the women's field, which encouragingly has doubled this year. The enduro pros Anita



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and Caro Gehrig, known as the "Gehrig Twins", are the clear favourites. Although they usually ride their other races solo, they are also strong as a team: "As twins we are always on the road as a team of two. We know each other inside out and absolve all our training together. So, for us it is the most normal thing in the world to chase down a trail after each other. But mainly, we want to have fun in Davos." This is also, what Pascal Bolliger and Bernie Senn want to have in the 77+ category, although they are competing as team "Long live Kräutersammler" for a very sad occasion: "We're riding in memory of our friend and family father Michael Monstein, who died of cancer in January at the age of only 40. He would have loved this event, and we want to continue to take him on our adventures and revive the memories of him." The toughest competition can be expected in the men's category, as the three best teams from last year will all be competing in the same line-up again. But even former bike pros Nick Beer and Daniel Eymann, who belong to the favourites, remain modest: "The event offers a great balance of fun and racing. Paired with the top trails and the picturesque scenery around Davos, this is simply the perfect mixture. The team racing format is also great. We primarily want to have fun and put the pedal to the metal. We'll see what happens..." More detailed interviews with the mentioned and other special teams can be found at <https://enduro2.ch/en/category/news/>.

## 50 volunteers

For this edition, Mondraker has become the title sponsor of the event and has committed for at least three years. Furthermore, the organising committee is supported by the Davos Klosters mountain railways and the Tourism Organisation. "Without these partnerships, we would definitely not be able to manage the event," says Britta Wild. But also the work of Trail Crew Davos, who keeps the trails of the area in good shape, is indispensable. "We are also supported by Graubünden Sport and maintain partnerships with various recognised bike hotels in town," explains Britta Wild. Therefore, in addition to the race, participants of Mondraker Enduro2 can book an all-inclusive package with overnight accommodation and additional nights at very attractive rates. In addition, around 50 volunteers will be on duty during the event. If you want to assist as a track marshal and experience the event up close, please register via Swiss Volunteers Tool on the event homepage.

## Spectators welcome

Spectators are also welcome at the mountain bike race. "The event area is located at Bolgen in Davos Platz, right next to the bottom station of the Jakobshorn cable car," explains Britta Wild. "From 8 am onwards you can watch the race's start, and around mid-afternoon the riders will gradually cross the finish line. There is food & drinks as well." Spectators can also watch the race on the course from a little distance. Which trail sections will be used at what times will be posted shortly before the race at the mountain railways. **Media representatives are also very welcome at Mondraker Enduro2 in Davos.** Please contact Kathrin Senn, responsible for media, [info@textshaft.ch](mailto:info@textshaft.ch), Mobile +41 78 821 08 99.

## From 2020: New event name and adapted concept

From next year, the team enduro fun race for experienced mountain bikers in Davos Klosters will be held under a new name and with a slightly different concept, but with the consistent, proven ideology. Details as well as new web links will be announced during the event 2019 next week. Mondraker will continue to be the title sponsor of this established enduro event in Davos.



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### Images and video, media information

High-resolution **images** of Mondraker Enduro2 Davos for editorial use can be found here:

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7jqerc2hicpg4l0/AAAJ\\_KoBoGt2FU1gez82b3m0a?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7jqerc2hicpg4l0/AAAJ_KoBoGt2FU1gez82b3m0a?dl=0)

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The **teaser video 2019** can be found on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/3aCfgaSqLnw> or as a file:

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7jqerc2hicpg4l0/AAAJ\\_KoBoGt2FU1gez82b3m0a?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7jqerc2hicpg4l0/AAAJ_KoBoGt2FU1gez82b3m0a?dl=0)

The **2018 event video** can be found at the same link, in the 2018 folder, or on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/9TOfA2TWAFM>

Previous **media releases** on Enduro2 Davos as well as a **Factsheet** can be found at

<https://enduro2.ch/en/medien>.

### List of participants 2019

The list of participants for Mondraker Enduro2 2019 can be found here:

<https://timing.sportident.com/meldung/entries.php?wkid=20190907815465&sprache=en&melder=>

### Mondraker Enduro2 Davos online (new links will be published at the event):

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### About Mondraker Enduro2 Davos

Enduro2 in Davos Klosters was originally planned as a race of a small Enduro series for teams of two by the British organizer Trail Addiction. After its insolvency, the event was separated from the bankrupt's estate before its premiere in 2017 and is now an independent mountain bike event, organized by the local association Bike Events Davos out of the Bike Academy. Since 2019, Mondraker is the title sponsor. The race for 450 participants or 225 teams of two takes place for the third time from 5 to 7 September 2019. Registration is open since 30 December 2018. The event focuses on the region's first-class trails and the atmosphere within the international mountain bike community. <https://enduro2.ch/en>